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THE question of privilege raised by Bro. JAMES STEVENS, though not without its importance, is, we hope, settled for a good long time to come. It seems to us, we say it in all deference, perfectly clear and distinct, taking the whole bearing of the Book of Constitutions into consideration, and realizing the unwavering tradition of English Masonic custom since 1726, that the resolution, which was very wisely refused by the PRESIDENT of the BOARD of MASTERS, affected the undoubted prerogative of the GRAND MASTER, and as such was inadmissible on the agenda paper. And though it is true, undoubtedly, that the PRO GRAND MASTER took what he himself termed a narrow ground of the meaninglessness of the phrase District Grand Lodges, and ruled the proposition out of order upon that ground, he carefully and cautiously expressed no opinion as to the other and very important question,—the absolute prerogative of the GRAND MASTER. But this very motion proposed to tell the GRAND MASTER that four District Grand Lodges, (or call them any name you like), were rendered advisable, &c., thus seeking to settle by a resolution of Grand Lodge, which has nothing to do with the appointment of such high officials, the very point which the GRAND MASTER has the prerogative assigned to him of himself deciding "proprio motu" and "mero motu." No more serious infringement of prerogative can, we apprehend be essayed, however cautiously the motion be worded, however studiously respectful the proposal may appear to be. The right of respectful petition is inherent in our English Constitution and system, in all societies and under all circumstances, and we do not ourselves doubt that Grand Lodge might, if it so thought fit in its deliberate wisdom, approach the Grand Master by petition, and ask him to consider the propriety of giving the provincial system to the London District generally. But that is a very different matter from coolly dividing the London District into four or any number of bodies, and then asking the Grand Master to endorse such a division. It is putting the horse before the cart with a vengeance; and such a resolution would, if successful, while it seriously affected the unchanged prerogatives of the Grand Master, weaken the prestige and impair the status of Grand Lodge. From first to last, while properly sensitive as to its own long established privileges, and safeguarding faithfully its own sacred rights, the Grand Lodge of England above all other bodies has been marked by the scrupulous honesty, fidelity, and loyalty, with which it has upheld, even in less quiet times the prerogatives of the Grand Master, and we feel quite sure that should the occasion again arise, there will be found those who will remember the pure and goodly teaching of English Masonry, and maintain with equal firmness and discrimination, alike the privileges of the Craft and the prerogatives of the Grand Master.

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THE speech of the G. REGISTRAR at the last meeting of Grand Lodge deserves attentive study by all constitutional English Masons. It is a most lucid and profound explanation of the undoubted prerogative of the GRAND MASTER on the one hand, and the common Law of English Freemasonry on the other.

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THE question of the division of the London District into more than one Prov. Grand Lodge is a subject which may, perhaps, before very long come again before the executive, though for a time it is now seemingly settled. We have never concealed our opinion that a precedent was created in the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge for Middlesex, which may be fairly put before those highest in authority amongst us, if, indeed, there be any preponderating feeling among Metropolitan Masons in favour of the extension of the provincial system, with the changes it will introduce and the altered relations it must evoke. On this point we are a little dubious. It is not always in these, as in other

matters, that the froth and the noise truly represent the safer and better substance of the whole body underneath. At the same time, as we have before ventured to remark, there is really and truly no possible "a priori" objection to a proposal respectfully made and honestly conceived; and any such suggestion, tendered in a proper spirit, would, from the known courtesy of our executive, be received with consideration and adjudicated upon with candour.

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SOME good brethren of ours affect to think that too much stress is sometimes given to technical points and constitutional considerations. They complain of hair splitting and legal ingenuity, and the like. But such excellent Masons often forget that the very life and liberty of Freemasonry under our English Constitution which is a model for all others, we venture to add, depend on the due and firm administration of our laws, which, if deviated from, or relaxed in any particular, become a burden and a snare to ourselves, and detract at once from the absolute confidence with which, as English Freemasons, we are accustomed to regard the administration and administrators of English Masonic law. Laws are made, let us bear in mind, not to suit this person, or to meet that view; not to yield to the pressure of marked sentiment, or the lax ruling of a convenient or despotic chairman, but "pro bono publico," for the common weal, for the common safety, and they cannot be tampered with, or slurred over, or dispensed with, without causing injury to the body politic, without doing serious damage to the high character and unchanging legality, happily, of English Freemasonry. There is sometimes an impatience amongst us when constitutional checks are invoked or questions of interpretation are raised; but they are always, be it remembered, essential to the maintenance of the rights of the many and yet of the individual at one and the same time.

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AT the Special General Court of the Girls' School, which was not, owing to Ascot week and the threatening state of the weather, largely attended, Bro. F. RICHARDSON's resolution, in respect of the drainage of the Girls' School, was unanimously carried. After Bro. RICHARDSON's full and lucid explanations, no doubt can arise as to the absolute need of these alterations for the safety of the children, on the one hand, and of the careful economy which will be evinced by the House Committee in justification of the liberal confidence reposed in them by the subscribers, on the other. We hope that at the Quarterly Court the resolution of the Special Court will be unanimously confirmed. Indeed, it is a point on which all friends of the Girls' School must be unanimous; and we can safely leave to the House Committee the carrying out of the resolution, feeling assured that if they can safely and conscientiously reduce the estimates, which appear somewhat large at first sight, they will, as Bro. RICHARDSON well put it, cheerfully and unquestionably do so. The House Committee is no friend to exaggerated estimates, neither does it wish to encourage abnormal expenditure. But what is absolutely necessary for the health and good of the children will, we feel sure, be cheerfully sanctioned, and ungrudgingly afforded.

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WE call attention elsewhere in the interests of Masonic Archaeology to an interesting statement from a friend in Germany respecting the German Bauhütten. It deserves attention and demands consideration.

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A communication elsewhere in reference to the "fiasco" of the so-called "territorial Grand Orient of Morocco," will afford amusement to some of our readers. It has, however, a very serious side, which will not escape the observation of the thoughtful.

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A correspondence elsewhere about the right of admission to lodges will necessarily provoke some regretful remarks and thoughts. It becomes a very serious question in the interest of Masonic progress and the position and prestige of the *Freemason*, whether such discussions in such a tone do any good, and are not rather prejudicial to Masonic order and harmony. So much do we feel the difficulties of the case, that we have long been meditating as to the use and advisability of Masonic correspondence, though ever anxious to allow a free course for fair and honest discussion, a temperate statement of alleged grievances, a fitting exposure of supposed Masonic abuses, or a righteous vindication of Masonic authority. But as we are blamed by both sides, (which is most hard upon us), first for admitting such letters, then for printing such replies, we beg to close the discussion once for all, and to say that we shall give the abstract advisability of all future correspondence on any subject a most careful and exhaustive consideration.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, E. Letchworth, F. Richardson, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. H. Tattershall, H. A. Dubois, C. H. Webb, J. Mason, and W. Hopekirk.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., moved: "That the report of the House Committee as to the sanitary state of the School buildings, presented to the General Committee on the 25th May, 1882, be received and adopted, and that the matter be referred back to the House Committee to carry out, at an expense not exceeding £1,300." He referred to the bad sanitary condition of the buildings, and stated that this could be remedied during the holidays.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, in seconding the motion, said that the state of the schools was serious, and the principle of sanitation in its best form should be applied to them.

Bro. J. S. PIERCE thought £1,300 was a large sum for the purpose.

Bro. RICHARDSON replied that the sanitary condition of the schools had been reported on, and that the sum set down for the work was £1,300.

A nearly similar report had been made by Dr. Corfield and Mr. Mark H. Judge, R.I.B.A., on behalf of the Sanitary Assurance Association. The resolution was carried.

Resolutions were afterwards passed appointing Bro. Dr. Hope, of Curzon-street, Mayfair, Senior Physician to the Belgrave Hospital for Children, to the post of Honorary Physician to the Institution; and awarding a gratuity of £25, to senior-clerk, Bro. W. G. Weber, on leaving the office in consequence of ill-health, to assist in defraying the expenses of his journey to Australia.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The General Committee met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Colonel Creaton, who was called to the chair, was supported by a large attendance of brethren, among whom were—

Bros. Col. J. Creaton, A. H. Tattershall, J. H. Leggott, Frederick Adlard, J. R. Gallant, Julius Quitmann, T. W. C. Bush, W. H. Goodall, Edgar Bowyer, Raynham W. Stewart, C. Jno. Percival, Wm. Clarke, W. J. Murlis, Wm. Stephens, James Brett, G. Bolton, G. L. Moore, J. A. Farnfield, R. R. Tate, John M. Stedwell, H. Cox, J. Moon, Thomas Cubitt, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

When the minutes of last meeting (10th May) had been read and confirmed, the SECRETARY reported the names of ten brethren nominated by the Grand Master, and the ten elected by Grand Lodge to serve on the Committee of Management.

The following brethren were then elected to represent the subscribers on the said Committee: Bros. Adlard, Bulmer, Dilley, Goode, Hale, Hilton, Quitmann, Stean, Stephens, and Stewart.

A brother said that his attention had been called to the fact that Bro. Atkins's name had been withdrawn, and inquired if the Secretary could furnish any explanation of the circumstance. Bro. Terry replied that the member referred to had not attended once upon the Audit Committee, and it was supposed therefore that he did not take sufficient interest in the proceedings to warrant his re-election.

The SECRETARY reported that Bro. Col. Creaton's motion for a grant of £70, for a supply of coals to the inmates of the Institution during the winter months had been carried in Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication.

The SECRETARY reported that one annuitant had died since the last election took place, and that the vacancy would be filled by adding Bro. E. Gregory to the list of annuitants.

The list of successful candidates at the last election was taken as read, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques for accounts payable.

The SECRETARY reported that there was a balance of £4800, on the current account at the bankers, and as no considerable sums would have to be paid till the latter part of August, it was resolved to place a sum of £2500 on deposit account at call.

The SECRETARY read the following letter, addressed to him by Bro. R. R. Davis, Hon. Secretary of the "John Hervey Memorial Fund":

Melville Lodge, Wallington, 12th June, 1882.

"John Hervey Memorial Fund," and "John Hervey Benefactions."

Dear Sir and Brother.—

Upon the occasion of the recent elections of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution a cheque for £20 13s. 1d. was handed to you to be divided among the four highest unsuccessful candidates (two male and two female).

As it appears to be desirable that some formal record of the transaction should be entered in the books of your Institution, I now send you a short account of the origin of the "John Hervey Memorial Fund," and the purpose to which it is intended to apply the income arising therefrom, under the name of "John Hervey Benefactions."

On the death of the late Bro. John Hervey, Past G.S. and G.S.E., it was felt by several of his old friends that it would be a graceful and becoming act on the part of those who had been associated with him to commemorate in some fitting and permanent manner his unceasing endeavours for a period of nearly forty years to promote the interests and to extend the usefulness of our Order.

With this object in view, a provisional committee was formed, consisting of five members of the late Bro. Hervey's mother lodge (the Royal York, No. 7), and five members of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, which he joined shortly after his initiation into Masonry. Bro. Hervey continued a subscribing member of both these lodges until his death—a period of upwards of thirty-six years—and was thrice elected to the chair of each of them.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, was invited, and most cheerfully and readily undertook to act as Chairman.

At a meeting of the Committee on the 28th February, 1881, it was resolved to augment the Committee by inviting eight distinguished Present and Past Grand Officers to join it. These brethren all willingly consented to do so, and I enclose herewith a list of the names of the Committee as then constituted—nineteen members, including myself—while I undertook to perform the duties of Honorary Secretary.

Circulars were addressed to the various lodges and Royal Arch Chapters throughout England and Wales, soliciting donations.

The Committee in their circular of March, 1881, stated that it was intended to invest contributions in the Government Funds in the names of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton (Chairman of the Committee); Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D. (Treasurer of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement); Bro. Charles A. Murton, P.G.D. (P.M. Royal York Lodge, No. 7); and Bro. Reuben R. Davis, P.M. 256 (Hon. Sec. of the Committee); and to give the annual dividends in such sums as might be thought advisable to the highest unsuccessful candidates, male and female, at the yearly elections of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, such donations to be known as the "John Hervey Benefactions."

The appeal thus made has met with such a response as to enable the Committee already to invest £800 in the purchase of £804 15s. 10d. New Three Per Cent. Stock in the names of the four brethren already mentioned, and the cheque for £20 13s. 1d. to which I referred at the commencement of this letter, represents the amount of the dividends which became due, and were received in April of the present year.

It is not intended to close the subscription list before the end of the year, and I trust that the amount of the donations may be considerably increased by that time.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256, Z. No. 7,

Hon. Sec. "John Hervey Memorial Fund."

COMMITTEE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

V.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, Chairman.

R.W. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G. Dir. of Cers.

V.W. Bro. Colonel Creaton, G. Treas.

V.W. Bro. E. J. McIntyre, O.C., M.P., G. Reg.

W. Bro. J. Moxon Clabon, P.G.D., Treas., G. O.'s Mess.

W. Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D., Treas. of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

W. Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., President of the Colonial Board.

W. Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., P.M. No. 7, P.Z. No. 7.

W. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Treas. G. Chap. Club.

No. 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance (Bro. Hervey's mother lodge, of which he was thrice W.M.)

Bro. Percy F. Sutton, W.M., Gibbon-road, Kingston-on-Thames.

" F. Adlard, P.M. and Treas., 225, High Holborn, W.C.

" Geo. Johnston, P.M. and Sec., 23, Ironmonger-lane, E.C.

" John Marnham, P.M., The Hollies, Boxmore, Herts.

" R. E. K. Wilkinson, 13a, Great George-street, S.W.

No. 256, Lodge of Unions (of which Bro. Hervey was a member thirty-six years, and thrice W.M.)

Bro. Henry Greene, P.M. and Treas., 155, Cannon-st., E.C.

" John A. Farnfield, P.M. and Sec., 90, Lower Thames-street, E.C.

" R. R. Davis, P.M., Carey-street, Lincoln's Inn and Wallington, Surrey (Hon. Sec. of the Fund).

" the Rev. D. J. Drakeford, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C. Somerset and Surrey, Elm-grove, Sydenham, S.E.

" the Rev. James Amos, M.A., P.P.G.C. Surrey, Paston House, Cambridge.

The SECRETARY read a report by Bro. Raynham Stewart as to the result of the opposition offered by the Institution, through his firm, to the Bills of L. B. and S. Co. Railway, and other railway companies for local lines, now before Parliament, which report showed that the railway companies had offered terms which were considered acceptable, and had been accepted; one result being that the companies had agreed to defray the expenses of the Institution's opposition, so that they had secured an advantageous settlement without cost to the Institution.

Bro. FARNFIELD moved that the report be received, and that the thanks of the meeting be given to Bro. Stewart, and the motion having been seconded, was put to the vote and carried.

An estimate from Mr. Griggs for £165 10s. for alterations to the fabric of the building at Croydon, rendered necessary by damage done by recent heavy gales of wind, and for the repair of all the stonework, was submitted, and after some discussion it was agreed that tenders should also be invited from Mr. Anley, Mr. Cowland, and Messrs. Bowyer Bros., and that when this had been done the matter should be left to the House Committee to decide which tender should be accepted, and to see the work put in hand.

The following brethren were elected members of the Finance Committee: Bros. Hale, Tattershall, Wm. Stephens, Bulmer, and Murlis.

The following members were elected members of the House Committee: Bros. R. W. Stewart, Farnfield, Percival, Cubitt, and Bowyer.

It was resolved to authorise the annual entertainment to the inmates to be given at the Institution at Croydon, and that the expense be defrayed by the Institution.

Eight petitions were presented by decayed Freemasons, seven of which, upon consideration, were approved, and the names ordered to be added to the list of candidates.

Two petitions of the widows of Freemasons were considered, both of which were approved, and the names ordered to be added to the list of candidates.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AT PORTSMOUTH.

On Monday night the New Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, was constituted amidst a very large number of companions in the beautiful lodge room of the Masonic Club, Commercial-road, Landport. Amongst those present were:

Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Superintendent; W. Hickman, P.G.H.; J. W. Lamb, P.G.J.; M. E. Frost, P.G. Treas.; C. W. Jellicoe, P.G. Scribe N.; G. J. Tilling, P.G. 1st A.S.; G. Pack, P.G. 2nd A.S.; G. Pearman, P.G. Org.; R. Barnes, P.G.S.B.; J. Naylor, P.G.S.B.; J. R. Strick, P.G.D. of C.; J. Biggs, P.G. Janitor; J. Exell, P.G. Assist. Janitor; A. J. Miller, P.Z. 130 and 359, P.P.G. Scribe N.; J. G. Mason, 103, South Africa; J. Ridd Hayman, J.; W. Tuohy, P.P.G. A.S., P.Z. 257, S.; J. White, Z.; E. Groves, H.; C. G. Adames, J.; E. Goldsmith, A.S.; G. A. Green, P.P.G.P.S., P.Z.; T. H. Williams and T. J. Hooper, 309; J. W. Willmott, P.P.G.S.B., Z.; J. E. Buck, Scribe N.; G. Gunnell, A.S.; W. Miles, Org.; T. Page, G. Drake, T. Good, J. G. Niven, J. W. Foster, C. F. Brown, G. Mason, W. Spining, and W. E. Williams, 342; T. Palsgrave, J.; A. Cudlipp, P.Z.; R. J. Rastrick, H.; G. Rake, P.Z.; R. W. Beale, J. Gieve, E. Naylor, and G. Bond, P.Z. 487, P.P.G.S.B.; J. N. Palmer, Z. 675; J. Francis, P.P.G. 1st A.S., Z. 804; R. W. Downing, P.P.G.O. Treas.; E. S. Main, P.Z.; C. B. Whitcombe, P.P.G.D. of C., P.Z.; J. Wilson, A. H. Hancox, 903; G. F. Lancaster, P.S.G.P.S., Z.; G. P. Arnold, P.P.G. P.S., J.; H. W. Townsend, P.P.G. 1st A.S., P.Z.; G. Backler, A.S.; W. Maybour, Steward; W. A. Marshallsay, Steward; and G. M. Nelder, 1428.

The ceremonies of constitution and consecration were, it is needless to say, admirably performed by the M.E. Grand Superintendent; and the three Principals designate were installed in their respective chairs as follows: Comps. E. Groves, Z.; Cornelius G. Adames, H.; and Thomas Good, J. The First Principal afterwards invested the following companions as his officers for the ensuing year: Comps. W. A. Marshallsay, Scribe E.; T. H. Williams, Scribe N.; G. Drake, P.S.; E. Naylor, 1st Assist. S;

J. G. Niven, 2nd Assist. S.; A. H. Hancox, Treas.; W. Miles, Org.; G. A. Green, acting I.P.Z.; E. S. Main, P.Z., D. of C.; W. Maybour and A. Grant, Stewards.

After the chapter was closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet-room, the chair being occupied by Comp. E. Groves, H., supported by the Grand Superintendent and the Provincial Grand Officers.

Comp. HICKMAN, P.G.H., responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Grand Chapter," and expressed the pleasure he had felt in seeing the chapter consecrated that day, and hoped that many warm friendships would be formed amongst those who had gathered around its standard; and that it would tend to strengthen those ties of brotherly love which already existed among the companions.

Comp. GROVES, H., in proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Superintendent," said that Comp. Beach was highly appreciated and honoured in every department of Masonry; and the province felt proud to be presided over by so able and distinguished a member of the Order.

Comp. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G. Supt., in responding, said it gave him great gratification to have performed the duty of constituting the new chapter, and installing its Principals; and one important element in that gratification was the conviction he had that the chapter would be a successful one, and that it would conduce to the advancement of the best interests of Freemasonry. He should hesitate to give his assent to the formation of any new lodge or chapter unless he were convinced that it would be influential for good. He thought there might be a tendency in some cases to overdo the number; and to ask for the establishment of new chapters for the sake of obtaining offices for the companions, without due regard to the question whether they could permanently be carried on with efficiency; but he was satisfied this was not the motive of the founders of the chapter which had been constituted that day—on the contrary, he believed they were actuated solely by a desire to extend the principles of R.A. Masonry amongst those who otherwise might be deprived of the privilege. No doubt it frequently happened that members of a lodge were debarred from becoming R.A. Masons from the fact that no chapter was attached to their lodge, and he had frequently found that the establishment of such a chapter had very much conduced to the spread of the true principles of Freemasonry. He would impress upon them the importance of not lightly taking upon them the duties of R.A. Masons, but steadily realising their importance and dignity. Only those who took a warm interest in Freemasonry could fully appreciate its merits or understand the great benefits it conferred on mankind. Those who entered the Order in a light and trifling way never got further than the mere portals; and he had found that those who had left it, and spoke of it in disparaging terms, really knew next to nothing about it, and if it were worth while there would be no difficulty in refuting the ignorance and fallacy of their statements. But it was not worth while. (Applause.) Freemasons, as a rule, regarded the attacks made upon the Order with contempt, because they were conscious that it was founded on immutable principles, and knew the benefits it was conferring on mankind. (Applause.) It was always a great pleasure to him to be amongst the brethren of his province, and it was a great pride to him to preside over the R.A. Masons of Hampshire, when he remembered that they comprised some of the most skilful and distinguished members to be found in the Order.

Comp. J. RIDD HAYMAN proposed "The Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Present and Past;" and Comp. W. E. FROST, Prov. G. Treas., responded.

Comp. MAIN, P.Z., proposed "The Principals of the Landport Chapter," which was responded to by Comps. GROVE, Z.; and GOOD, J.

Comp. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G. Supt., proposed "The Representatives of the Neighbouring Chapters," coupling the name of Comp. J. G. Mason, 103, South Africa, with the toast; and referred to the heartiness and enthusiasm which characterised Freemasonry in the Colonies, and asked them to give their visitor such a welcome as would enable him to carry back a kindly remembrance of the reception he had met with at the hands of his companions in England.

Comp. MASON, in acknowledgment, spoke of the kindness which he had received from his companions and brothers in Masonry in England, and said he should ever cherish, as one of his happiest memories, the welcome which had been given him that night in the Landport Chapter.

The toasts of "The Officers" and "The Visitors" were the remaining toasts.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

This annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was held under the banner of the Lodge of Merit, 466, at Stamford, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There was a good attendance of the brethren, upwards of 100 being present, amongst them being:

Bros. Butler Wilkins, P.M. 360, D.P.G.M., who presided in the absence of the P.G.M., His Grace the Duke of Manchester, (who was unable to be present through being detained longer than was expected in Canada); Jno. Marson, P.P.G.A.D.C., acted as D.P.G.M.; Jas. Terry, S.G.W.; Rev. F. G. Hodgson, 607, J.G.W.; Rev. W. E. Hall, 737, Chap.; Rev. T. C. Beasley, 1764, Assist. Chap.; John Slinn, P.M. 737, Registrar; F. G. Buckle, P.M. 442, Sec.; W. Dixey, 442, S.G.D.; Jno. Bingley, W.M. 360, J.G.D.; J. C. Lound, 442, Supt. of Works; R. H. Griffin, P.M. 442, D.C.; Geo. Ellard, P.M. 360, Assist. D.C.; F. J. Sheppard, W.M. 445, Registrar; Jos. Ackroyd, 737, Org.; J. T. Roseblade, W.M. 607, Standard Bearer.

Of the Merit Lodge, 466, Stamford: Herbert Hart, W.M.; M. W. Packer, S.W.; J. Bentham, J.W.; J. M. Heward, P.M., P.G.S.W. Treasurer; T. Hare, Sec.; J. Beddeson, S.D.; J. Etchells, J.D.; J. C. Royce, I.G.; E. I. Orford, P.M.; Hy. Norton, P.M.; Thos. Booth, P.M.; Wm. Oldham, P.M.; Wm. Ward, P.M.; J. C. Duncombe, P.M.; Hy. Knott, P.M.; Chas. Roberts, J. H. Howard, Thos. Hart, S. C. Clark, F. Dickenson, J. T. Duncan, F. L. Gooch, W. H. Watson, A. J. Moyes, Jos. Clifton, and J. H. Blackham.

Of Pomfret Lodge, 360, Northampton: Bros. Jno. Bingley, W.M.; Geo. Ellard, I.P.M.; John J. Hart, J.W.; B. Wilkins, Treas.; Jos. Sadler, J.D.; E. Haynes, and J. U. Stanton, Stewards; M. A. Boémé, P.M.; H. W. Parker, P.M.; H. J. Atkins, E. Roberts, A. Cockerill, R. McClure.

Of the Socrates Lodge, 373, Huntingdon: Bros. Wm. Wade, W.M.; John Marson, P.M.; W. H. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Geo. Hawley, P.M., P.G.R.; J. Wood-Ingam, Jas. G. Hanken.

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Visitors: Newbould, Dobie, Geo. Edwards, Caswell and others.

The Board of Benevolence met at the George Hotel, at twelve o'clock, when £21 was voted to the Widows' Fund, and £10 10s. to the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Two sums were also voted to brethren in the province. The Charity Organisation Committee met immediately after, when, among other business, an addition was made to the by-laws to facilitate the better working of the scheme.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins, when, after some routine business, the DEPUTY PROV. G.M. spoke of the great loss the province had sustained by the death of Bro. Richard Howes, who had for some years occupied the post of Prov. G. Treasurer in such a manner as to place the funds of the province on a permanent basis, and to gain the esteem and respect of all with whom he became connected.

A resolution expressive of the sorrow of the brethren and of sympathy with Mrs. Howes was unanimously passed, and ordered to be placed on the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof to be sent to Mrs. Howes.

Bro. J. U. Stanton, P.M. 360, was proposed Prov. Grand Treasurer, in the room of Bro. Howes, and was unanimously elected.

The other Provincial Grand Officers were then duly invested as under:

Bro. J. M. Heward, P.M. 466	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. Brown, W.M. 1764	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. T. C. Beasley, 1764	Prov. G. Chap.
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" J. J. Hart, S.W. 360	Prov. G. Purst.
" Jas. Etchells, 466	Prov. G. Org.
" M. W. Packer, S.W. 446	Prov. G. Std. B.
" T. Cook, 442	Prov. G. Tyler.

The following brethren were elected Prov. Grand Stewards: Bros. A. Cockerill, 360; S. Willett, 442; Robert McClure, 445; W. H. Watson, 466; Richard Croft, 1764; and Rev. A. H. Cole-Hamilton, 1911.

The banquet was served in an excellent manner by Bro. Moyes, host of the George Hotel, the banquet-room being very prettily decorated, and every arrangement made for the comfort of the brethren, about seventy of whom sat down.

The D.P.G.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly and enthusiastically honoured by the brethren.

Bro. J. J. HART, W.M. 466, in proposing "The Prov. G.M., the Duke of Manchester," and "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins," expressed the regret they felt at not having his Grace amongst them, and spoke in very eulogistic terms at the good fortune they had to have so excellent and untiring a deputy to take his place in the absence of the P.G.M.

The D.P.G.M., in responding, gave a good account, not only of the progress in the province as regards numbers, but also as to the excellent manner in which the work was done in every case, probably never better in the history of the province.

Bro. M. W. PACKER, S.W. 466, proposed "The Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bros. J. M. Heward, P.G.S.W., and J. U. Stanton, the newly-elected Treasurer.

Bro. H. J. ATKINS, P.M. 1764, proposed "The Masonic Charities," in a very appropriate manner.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.D.C. Herts, Sec. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied in his usual effective manner, thanking the brethren of Northants and Hunts for the liberal manner in which they had always ported the Institution with which he was more immediately acquainted.

Bro. E. I. ORFORD gave "The Visiting Brethren," expressing the pleasure it always gave the brethren of No. 466 to entertain visitors.

Bro. S. NEWBOLD, from Australia, and Bro. CASWELL responded.

The D.P.G.M. gave "The W.M. and Brethren of the various Lodges in the Province," which was very ably responded to by Bro. HERBERT HART, W.M. 466, who, in the course of his remarks, took the opportunity of thanking the D.P.G.M. for the kindness he had always shown to those brethren in the province who sought his advice, and also thanked the brethren for attending in such a goodly number to support the P.P.G.M. and the brethren of No. 466.

Bro. H. PANK, P.M. 442, gave "The Ladies," in a very appropriate manner, to which Bro. J. T. ROSEBLADE, W.M. 607, responded in a happy manner.

The Tyler's toast concluded the toast list.

The harmony of the evening was considerably enhanced by Bros. Atkins, Ingram, Oldham, Hart, Packer, Blackham, Heward, Roseblade, Clifton, Terry, G. Willcox-Smith, H. M. Crowley, and others; Bros. Etchells and Croft rendering good service in accompanying.

The brethren of No. 466 are to be congratulated, not only on the large number that attended (Stamford being far from convenient for the majority of the brethren in the Province), but also upon the excellent arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of the brethren. The lodge-room had been recently re-decorated, and presented a very nice appearance.

A small party remained until Friday and availed themselves of the opportunity (under the guidance of the W.M.) of paying a visit to Burghley House, with which we need hardly add they were very much pleased and interested.

The Provincial Grand Lodge meeting for next year is arranged to take place under the banner of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, at Peterborough.

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To Correspondents.

Bro. Patterson's letter received. We note its contents. The correspondence must now cease.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "The Hull Packet," "Freemason's Chronicle," "Caygill's Tourists' Chronicle," "The Citizen," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "La Chaine D'Union," "The Court Circular," "Voice of Masonry," "West London Advertiser," "El Mallette," "Remarks on certain Medical Principles and Publications," "Ye Cripplegate," "Die Bauhutte," "City Press," "The Windsor and Eton Press," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Masonic Advocate."



SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 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,—

In consequence of indistinct writing, my letter on this subject was not so clear as I could wish.

My suggestion was that the London District should be divided into six District or Provincial Grand Lodges, to be called North London, South London, East London, West London, City of London, Central London.

Another suggestion, (we must all remember that we can only suggest, the power to alter rests with the M.W.G.M.), is that the City of London should form one province and Westminster another, the latter to include all lodges meeting in Freemasons' Hall. All lodges meeting in Kent including those now in London to be formed into two provinces, North and South Kent respectively. All the remaining lodges south of the Thames to be added to Surrey, and the province divided into North and South. All the lodges in the county of Middlesex to be added to Middlesex and the province divided.

Why should it be necessary for a large number of brethren to travel to Twickenham, Croydon, Hatfield or Surbiton to attend a lodge with the hope of one day getting provincial honours?

Minor matters of detail, such as the work of Grand Secretary's office, could be settled in a month by a committee, and the fees to Grand Lodge remain the same, the amount of quarterage being so insignificant, scarcely more than the cost of the cigars at the banquets during the year.

Yours &c.,

P.P.G. OFFICER

FREEMASONRY IN MOROCCO.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is not my intention to trespass further on your space than to correct two misstatements which appeared in your issue of the 6th inst.

The first is, that what Europeans know as the Empire of Morocco has no dependencies.

This is the reverse of fact. I believe that Sidi Abdeslam Benarais, a Moorish brother, and Junior Warden of the Al Moghreb al Aksa Lodge, at Tangier, is writing, or has written, to you with reference to the matter.

The second is, that the institution which you are pleased to style the Grand Orient of Morocco is an English-speaking body.

Pardon my contradicting you. It is neither a Grand Orient nor yet is it English-speaking, but it is a subordinate Grand body, dependant on the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and it is not English-speaking.

Out of the 150 brethren residing in the two districts of Northern and Southern Morocco, there are but three that bear English names, and but ten or twelve altogether who speak English, while not one half of these are sufficiently acquainted with English to work a lodge in that language.

This is a matter of sincere regret to me as a loyal British subject; but necessity knows no laws, and I have, although most unwillingly, yielded to the employment of the Spanish in our work.

I enclose you in proof of this various forms, &c., which are all printed in Spanish, as the language is best understood by all the brethren.

Only last night I received a letter from the W.M. of the new Al Jassef Lodge at Cosablinar, praying me to write to him in Spanish. He says as follows:

"Varios hermanos me piden ruega a Vd. de escribir en Castellano, para asi hacen con mes facilidad el conocimiento de nuestra correspondencia entre ellos pues á escepcion de nuestra Herm. Don J—C—. Nadie entiende el idioma ingles."

To use the elegant expression of your anonymous correspondent, "A Reader of the *Freemason* of Last Week," I may well exclaim, "How in the name of common sense and good taste" can you affirm under such circumstances that Morocco Masons are an English-speaking body?

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
R. STEWART PATTERSON,
Special Deputy Grand Master Morocco, &c.

Gibraltar, May 20th, 1882.

[This is the last letter we can allow to appear. The words "Grand Orient" appear on a printed note-sheet sent by Bro. Patterson himself to our office from Gibraltar.—Ed. F.M.]

GRAND TERRITORIAL ORIENT OF MOROCCO.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called by a Gibraltar Freemason of repute and respectability to the anomalous state of affairs in respect of this nondescript body, and therefore think it right to crave the attention of your readers for a little space while I state to them a few facts which justify my appeal to our own authorities to try and put a stop to these untoward and un-Masonic proceedings. In the first place, the reverend brother who is the "life and soul" of this abnormal movement, has been all along discountenanced by his own authorities in Manitoba, just as his doings have been marked by utter want of respect to the constituted authorities at Gibraltar. He bases his "pronunciamento" on the fact that there are three concurrent foundations in Gibraltar—England, Scotland, and Ireland; and therefore, he asserts, most sensible and logical conclusion, that there is no legal authority there, and that, consequently, it is unoccupied country.

The English District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar represents one of the oldest provincial foundations in the world; and we certainly in England do not require to be told by a brother from Manitoba whether there be a legal Masonic authority in Gibraltar.

In the next place, all the proceedings are so essentially absurd that it is almost impossible to refrain from laughter when we hear or talk about them. They, as Mr. Samuel Weller would say, "beat cock-fighting."

When was it ever heard in the annals of Freemasonry that a Grand Lodge granted a warrant to a brother to hold a lodge destined for one country preliminarily in another? And then, to cap the absurdity, to turn that lodge, by a wave of his "mystic abacus," into either a territorial G. Lodge of Manitoba in Africa, or a territorial G. Orient, without representation or designation, of Morocco? This is, in fact, a repetition in 1882 of the follies and incongruities of past generations.

In order, then, to prevent unpleasantness and heartburnings, the spread of lax notions and clandestine Freemasonry, I think that our authorities may well be moved to advise the G. Lodge of Manitoba to repudiate the acts of the reverend and bellicose brother, whose proceedings are condemned by all men of sense and understanding, all true Masonic students, as contrary to good form and proper precedent, the maintenance of kindly interjurisdictional relations, and the peace and harmony of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A QUONDAM INHABITANT OF "OLD GIB."
[The same remark applies as to the letter above.—Ed. F.M.]

THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Much discussion has occurred in Grand Lodge of late respecting the Board of Benevolence, and we are threatened by Bro. Clabon with a fifty per cent. increase of income-tax. I would ask Bro. Clabon to use his great influence to a proper consideration and a searching investigation into each particular case of an applicant. The sum granted by the Board to individuals is sometimes astounding to country brethren; and even in the last report are votes of £250, £200 and £150, and hundreds without number. I would like to enquire if these are grants on the score of actual charity; or, are they not grants of money to re-commence business with? This is a practice I know. Can the Board of Benevolence defend such a practice? Such sums as appear on the list ought only to be lent on security; and if some country brethren were on the Committee I fancy "the coat would be cut according to the cloth." In confirmation of what I have stated, I may say that one evening £400 was voted to a merchant. I need not give the name or exact sum, for I am not wishful to bring the brother to light, who had been a Mason only some eight or nine years, and had given much time and money to the Craft, and who unfortunately had failed in his business; and the reason given for voting such

a large sum was, that it would start him *again in his trade*, and that the money would be repaid to the Board of Benevolence.

The fund was not established to find business capital for any one; and this practice by our London brethren is highly to be deprecated; and such grants as these referred to can be for no other purpose. A thorough reform in the proceedings of the Committee is required. I would like to ask, Mr. Editor, if any of the £400 has been repaid; which no doubt the President of the present Board can answer, as he sat next to the President of the evening. And now, Sir, we have it from Bro. Britten that "some of the petitioners are clever and unscrupulous people, &c.," who go in for large sums, as small ones would not answer their purpose, and this seems to be the reason why such large grants are made to London Masons.

Yours fraternally,
23 C.
[We hardly like to refuse the letter, but we think that there is some mistake in the figures.—Ed. F.M.]

VISITORS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you have not printed the whole of Bro. Le Feuvre's letter in your issue of to-day, I will not make any complaint regarding its unneeded acerbity of tone. I am willing to believe that the portions excised by you were those which conveyed the writer's courteous expression of regret at finding himself obliged to differ from a brother Mason upon a disputed reading of Masonic law. On the familiar principle "noblesse oblige," nothing less could have been expected of a highly placed Grand Officer of a distinguished province, when dealing with the opinions of a member of the Craft; but, as matters stand, you have succeeded in representing our V.V. Brother in the character of one needing, rather than being qualified to give, a lesson in the dignified, yet courteous, demeanour which ought surely to mark the bearing of a Provincial Grand Warden towards every brother of our Order.

I am compelled, however, to deal with my brother's letter as it actually appeared, leaving him and you to settle between you your respective shares of responsibility for its terms.

I will be very short in what I have to say. Bro. Le Feuvre is good enough to stigmatize me as a law breaker. I may be so, but the law is of my brother's own making. At any rate, I challenge him to give me any better authority than his own for the rule which he considers that I, in opinion at least, have transgressed. He is careful to adduce no arguments in support of his contention, or in refutation of mine, but simply relies "sua auctoritate." In this he greatly misapprehends the temper of the Craft generally, and that of one of its members particularly. I am a very conservative Mason, and have a great respect for authority, but I want something better than the mere "ipse dixit" of a Provincial Grand Warden in determining my opinion upon a point of Masonic law.

My brother has apparently read the summary of "Antient Charges," particularly number 15, but he does not appear to be acquainted with those very charges of which the others are only a summary. He will find no warrant there for his contention, but much that supports my own view; and he would do well to remember that "a proper voucher" may mean a good deal more than a parchment certificate. The Constitutions are before me, and upon them I base my opinion, without asking any man to interpret their meaning for me. My Bro. Le Feuvre has not examined this matter carefully, or he would, without doubt, completely alter his opinion.

Yours fraternally, THOS. EDMONDSTON, P.M.
London, June 3rd, 1882.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On two occasions lately I have been called on by a person describing himself as a member of the Naval Lodge, No. 24, Warrington, State of Florida. His story is that he was steward of the ship Orondatus, and was wrecked on a voyage to England, losing everything. His name he gives as W. Solter. On writing to the Secretary of the Naval Lodge, I received a reply, that "no such name as W. Solter appears upon our records, neither do any of our members recollect such a man."

I am, yours fraternally, T. B. WHYTEHEAD,
York, 12th June, 1882.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A largely attended meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 9th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., and amongst others present were Bros. G. Broadbridge and R. Martin, jun., Hon. Secretaries; Dr. J. Kellert Smith, R. Brown, T. Salter, J. W. Ballard, J. Pemberton, P. B. Gee, G. Walmsley, and others. The special object of the meeting was to take into consideration and determine upon a number of applications on behalf of children of deceased Masons to be placed on the foundation of the Institution for the purpose of being educated. There were altogether eleven applications under the educational head, all of which were granted, thus necessitating an additional annual outlay of about £86. The sum of £22 was likewise given for the advancement in life of two children of deceased Freemasons. The proceedings were brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.



THE FRESHMAN'S PROGRESS. By a D.D. Kerby and Edean, 440, Oxford-street.

This is a little poetic skit on University life, and professedly by a D.D. The memories of our University life, if we be right thinking, are amongst the pleasantest we have. Some of us may recall to mind Longfellow's graceful lines of old, in the "Spanish Student"—

"Oh, those were pleasant days,
Those college days; I ne'er shall see the like.
I had not buried then so many hopes,
I had not buried then so many friends.
I've turned my back on what was there before,
And the bright faces of my young companions
Are wrinkled like my own, and are no more."

To recall the sunny scenes and cheery voices of old days, to realize the distant and forgotten in that sort of tender "chiaro oscuro" which the progress of time throws over the faded past; to summon up before us again the pleasant faces and the honest hearts, which made existence so cheery in those young and gracious days is never without profit, is always pleasurable to us all alike. The old boat which was at the head of the river, that cricket match in which we did such wonders, that famous choral society whose echoes still float around our dusty room to-day; that joyous gathering and that wondrous picnic, those lists with their dreadful certainty, those good old "Dons" with their kindly serenity, all constitute little particles in our kaleidoscope, which fall on our startled gaze now with moving wonder or grateful intensity. For us, those old rooms of ours are still the home of genial and happy days; the friendships we formed, the friends we gained, the after career which has succeeded the hours of honest struggles and warm-hearted sympathy have something for us all very real; nay, important, very meaning indeed. There have been many sketches and skits of college life. Some of us can recall the outspoken confidences of "Peter Priggins;" some of us have smiled over "Verdant Green." But the defect in them all is the same; they seem to run, so to say, to seed, to be marked by extravagance and exaggeration; to represent untruly college life as it is in its hopes and fears, its aims and its efforts, its glories and its disgraces, its fun and its follies, its reality and its triumphs; and putting a part for the whole, the particular for the universal, to represent the normal development of the "Freshman," as characterized by weakness, idleness, viciousness, and excess. Such is not now, and never has been, we make bold to say, a true portraiture of college life; and as we dislike untruth and untruth in all forms, so in the severity of æsthetic taste and the correctness of historical particularity, we object in principle to representations which make college life a perpetual encounter with the Proctor, and the wonted tenour of an university career to consist in perverse waste of time and money, hurtful idiosyncrasies, and unworthy amusements and inadvisable associations. There are University men and University men, and Freshmen and Freshmen; and the Freshman's Progress as a skit is unmeaning in itself, in that it represents an impossible state of things, which never did exist, and does not exist to-day. We confess we think that a D.D. had better find something else to do than write the interlude with which he has favoured us; and we feel bound honestly to say, that we hardly deem this little work worthy of its kindly publishers, as though every allowance may fairly be made for a skit or a harmless satire of passing follies or patent defects, so many admirable works have been issued under the auspices of Messrs. Kerby and Edean, that for many reasons we consider this publication a retrograde movement, which hardly accords with their valuable and beneficial progress in sound, useful, improving, and graceful literature.

DIE ENTHÜLLTEN GEHEIMNISSE DER FREI-MAUREREI. Two Vols. Altona, 1877.

This disclosure, which professes to be founded on the papers of an "old Master," is based on certain English works, and assumes to give an explanation of German and English Masonic mysteries. It is like all similar productions, a makeshift, a compilation, and utterly worthless; trading on the credulity of some, and appealing to the bigotry of others. No one is likely to be debarred from Masonic fellowship by professed exposures in which nothing is exposed, and asserted revelations in which nothing is revealed.

THE THREE MASONIC PRECIOUS JEWELS. By Bro. H. V. P. BRONKHURST, Chaplain. Baldwin and Co., Demerara, 1882.

This is a very interesting little pamphlet, in the form of a sermon, addressed to the brethren in British Guiana, by Bro. Bronkhurst. It is an able exposition of Johannite or Christian Freemasonry; but we must remind Bro. Bronkhurst that since 1813 English lodges are not dedicated to the two St. John's, and that, though his argument for Christian Masonry and Christian symbolism is permitted in the great toleration of the Grand Lodge of England, it is not general, or official, or now widely recognized. But as there always will probably be Johannite Masons in England, his pamphlet will appeal to the tastes of some, and the sympathies of others, forcibly and fitly.

The fifth and last of the series of Orchestral Concerts given by Bro. W. Ganz, P.G.O., will be given this (Saturday) afternoon, in St. James's Hall. The programme will include Mendelssohn's Scotch Symphony in A minor, and the overtures to "Rosamunde" and "Der Freischütz." Mr. Vladimir de Pachmana will play Beethoven's pianoforte concerto in G. major and two morceaux by Chopin, as well as, in conjunction with Bro. Ganz, Mendelssohn's and Moscheles's grand duet for two pianofortes on the Gipsy March from Weber's "Preciosa." Miss Rose Hersee will be the vocalist.

Mr. George Watson, jun., Honorary Secretary of the Rochester and Chatham Choral Society, has been appointed by the Prince of Wales to be Organising Secretary to the Royal College of Music.



As several points in our Masonic history require elucidation, I beg to call the attention of Masonic students to the following queries, an answer to one and all will be very acceptable. ANTIQUARIUS.

3] LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. PAUL'S.

Can any one find or give a reference to a contemporary account of this event? It took place apparently in 1675, and I have a sort of idea that I once had my attention called to a print or account of the same, of which, however, now I cannot find the reference.

4] LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS.

This took place March 19th, 1721. Where can I find a non-Masonic account of the proceedings of the day?

5] OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE.

Where is the account preserved of the Occasional Grand Lodge, held by Lord Lovel, Grand Master, at Houghton Hall, in 1731, when H.R.H. Francis Duke of Lorraine, late Grand Duke of Tuscany and Emperor of Germany, the husband of Maria Theresa, and the Duke of Newcastle were made Master Masons? Does it exist?

6] DISTINGUISHED NAMES.

What evidence is there available, as is generally stated, that William Herbert Earl of Pembroke, Sir John Denham, and the Earl of St. Alban's were made Freemasons in the seventeenth century?

7] PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS.

The first Provincial Grand Master appointed by the Grand Master of England seems to have Sir Edward Mansell, Bart., for South Wales, or Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales, in 1726, under the Grand Mastership of Lord Paisley. Bro. Gould, who has carefully studied, I know, the minutes of Grand Lodge, can tell us whether there was an earlier appointment.

MASONIC STUDENT.

8] GERMAN BAUHUTTEN.

[We are indebted to an able brother now in Germany for the following note. We would beg him to tell us whether the customs and ritual of these Bauhütten in any way correspond with those of Speculative Freemasonry.—Ed. F.M.]

There are still Bauhütten in operation in Germany. The two principal ones are, the one in Cologne, which, although the dome is now completed, will be a permanent one. I am told some of the stones are of a bad quality and are withering, which will make it necessary that there be a constant watching and repairing. The other Bauhütte is in Ulm. The Münster there is to be repaired, and its principal steeple is to be completed at last. This cathedral has been begun in the year 1377. There are also other Bauhütten at work, but of less importance. "Steinmetzen" and "Steinhauer" are no grade or Degree, they are both the same; the name of Steinhauer is now only more in common use, but in some parts of Germany they are still called Steinmetzen. From Bro. Hiensch's book you will have observed that the ceremonial part of those Operative Masons was entirely in the hands of Fellow Craftsmen; the principal chief architect had nothing to do with it, although Master Masons, Parlier or Wardens, had the right to attend those quarterly meetings or great assemblies, yet the presiding brother was a Fellow Craftsman. Their meetings were held in the private room of an inn or tavern (heerberge), not in a Bauhütte, where they kept their jewels, documents, and treasury (büchse); and every travelling Fellow Craftsman had to call there, either for work or board and lodging, and, if necessary, for relief; in fact, it was their club-house. There is a very striking similarity in reference to these quarterly meetings in the passing and raising of the two systems of the Operative and the then called Modern English Freemasons. According to Hiensch, it was only at the quarterly communications that an Apprentice of the former, after due examination as to skill and ability, was made a Fellow Craftsman; he was then only declared to be free (Freemason), and called a brother. Whilst the Rev. Dr. Oliver, in his account of the Schism (page 11), says: "Private lodges did not possess the power of conferring either the Second or Third Degree, which was a privilege reserved by the Grand Lodge for its own peculiar exercise," &c. It is not surprising to me that there are no documents or records to be found of those Masons of old, as they were sworn to secrecy; all one can do now to form an opinion as regards the derivation of Speculative from Operative Masonry is by deduction, therefore, for want of any better proof, I, for one, take it that the new or philosophical branch of Freemasonry has been grafted on the old trunk of Operative Freemasonry.

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9] GRAND MASTERS.

It seems there never was a Grand Master before 1717. The Rev. Dr. Oliver, in his Schism (page 13), says: "It was only from this time that lodges got warrants from the Grand Master for the time being." From this it is evident that those "four old lodges" could produce no warrants, and probably never had any, as any number of Masons could then form a lodge or gesellenschaft.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Hour of Danger.—Disease commonly comes on with slight symptoms, which, if neglected, increase in severity, and thus become dangerous—a condition which betrays the grossest remissness—when these Pills, taken in accordance with their accompanying directions, would not only have checked, but conquered the incipient disorder. Patients daily forward details of the most remarkable and instructive cases in which timely attention to Holloway's advice has undoubtedly saved them from severe illness. These Pills act primarily on the digestive organs, which they stimulate when slow and imperfect; and, secondly, upon the blood, which is thoroughly purified by them, whence is derived the general tone they impart, and their power of subjugating hypochondriacism, dyspepsia, and nervous complaints.—[Adv't.]



Craft Masonry.

AMITY LODGE (No. 171).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Present: Bros. William H. Bateman, W.M.; Edward Phillips, I.P.M.; G. T. Gooding, S.W.; F. C. D. Fenn, J.W.; C. Harcourt, Treasurer; Joseph W. Clever, Secretary; E. Wendover, S.D.; Thomas Loring, J.D.; Joseph Clever, P.M.; J. H. Batty, P.M.; J. R. Cooper, P.M.; Chas. Whiteley, P.M.; Nat. H. Davis, J. Whenman, J. R. Tannahill, J. Van Essen, Alfred M. Gillham, H. Dipple, George P. Smith, C. Paas Farlow, J. W. Frigout, Wm. Nash, E. D. Maddick, and G. N. Dodd.

Visitors: Bros. Caleb Stanger, 12; James Angus, 405, Grand Lodge Scotland; F. Gillham, P.M., P.D.G.D. of Cers.; W. Arnold, S18; Isaac Puddle, 715; Louis Hirsch, P.M. S18; T. A. Green, P.M. 256; W. Russell, P.M. 77; Wm. Paas, P.M. and Treasurer 28; J. A. Farlow, 28; R. B. Saunders, W.M. 1503; and W. H. Saunders, P.M. S89, P.M. and Treasurer 1503, P.P.G.D. Middlesex.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Francis William Frigout, and Mr. W. Nash, which was declared unanimous in their favour, whereupon they were regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Mr. Davis, who had been previously balloted for, was likewise initiated. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Arnold as a joining member, which was unanimous in his favour. Bros. Van Essen, Gillham, Dipple, and Whenman were passed to the Degree of F.C.

The chair having been vacated by the W.M. in favour of Bro. J. Clever, the W.M. elect, Bro. G. T. Gooding, was presented by Bro. E. Phillips, I.P.M., for the benefit of installation. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. F. C. D. Fenn, S.W.; E. Wendover, J.W.; Harcourt, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Clever, P.M., Sec.; Loring, S.D.; Tannahill, J.D.; N. H. Davis, I.G.; and Goddard, Tyler.

Bro. Clever announced his intention of representing the lodge at the next festival of the Boys' School, and asked the lodge to vote him the sum of £10 10s. from the lodge funds. This having been seconded by Bro. E. Phillips, P.M., was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bro. Harcourt, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Batty, P.M., that the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to Bro. Gooding, for the very acceptable present made to the lodge this evening, comprising a set of collars, gauntlets, and a Director of Ceremonies' jewel. Carried unanimously.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, and grace having been said, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and responded to with enthusiasm by the brethren.

Bro. Saunders, P.P.G.D., returned thanks on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Initiates," adding a few words of hearty welcome and fraternal advice, to which each of the newly made brethren responded in terms expressing the honour they felt at being admitted to the privileges of the ancient Order, and also their gratification at the brotherly reception they had met with.

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by Bro. W. H. Bateman, I.P.M., in eulogistic terms, concluding by wishing him on behalf of the brethren a most prosperous and happy year of office.

The W.M., in replying, said that it was with feelings of pleasurable emotion that he rose to thank them for the very cordial reception they had given the toast upon the first occasion of his taking his seat at their banquet, in the highest and most important position in his mother lodge that the brethren could place a brother, and assured them it would always be his endeavour to justify the confidence they reposed in him, and also to deserve the many kind things said of him by the I.P.M. His earnest desire was to maintain and uphold the high character and prosperity of the lodge, and he trusted that when his year of office came to an end, it might still be said that they were truly a Lodge of Amity, not only in name but in deed.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. W. Clever, whom he might well call the father of the lodge, so much of its success and prosperity being due to his constant exertions and to the valuable instruction he was at all times pleased and ready to afford to the officers and younger brethren. He further personally thanked Bro. Clever for the admirable and impressive manner in which he had that evening placed him in the Master's chair.

Bro. Clever having responded, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors," calling upon the brethren to give a good Masonic response, thereby showing a hearty welcome to the many worthy brethren who honoured them with their company on that occasion, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Louis Hirsch, P.M. Clapham Lodge.

Bro. Hirsch, in returning thanks, expressed the great pleasure he felt in visiting the Amity Lodge upon the occasion of the installation of Bro. Gooding, who had worthily served the office of S.W. in the Clapham Lodge during the past year, and who would have been unanimously elected W.M. of that lodge had not his filial duty to his mother lodge led him to prefer being first installed W.M. therein, but next year they hoped he would be able to preside over their lodge, and he was sure, from what he knew of their W.M., he would perform all his duties in a way that would give them pleasure and satisfaction.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. W. H. Bateman, the I.P.M.; "The Treasurer and the Secretary," replied for by Bro. J. W. Clever, P.M. and Sec.; "The Officers," for whom Bro. F. C. D. Fenn, S.W., responded; and the Tyler's toast, which brought a most enjoyable evening to a conclusion.

In consequence of the heavy amount of Masonic work to be performed, no regular musical programme was prepared, but the harmony of the evening was well sustained by Bros. Saunders, Fenn, Loring, and others, who contributed several capital songs.

UNITED MILITARY LODGE (No. 1536).—

The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and was presided over by the W.M., Bro. W. Welding, who was supported by the following officers of the lodge and brethren from neighbouring lodges: Bros. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Sd. Bearer Kent; A. Penfold, P.M. 915, Honorary Member of the lodge; Lieut. Joseph McCaffery, C.B., R.A., P.J.W.; W. Holleyman, S.W.; G. Kenneday, J.W.; A. Saunders, S.D.; W. Moulds, J.D.; T. Pearce, Org.; J. Purnell, W. Std.; W. Sayle, D.C.; A. J. Rowley, I.G.; J. Davidson, W.M. 730, I.C.; G. Raffin, S.W. 546; H. King, J.D. 605; G. Renshaw, 594; E. M. Taylor, 913; J. Staple, 387; W. Cummin, 526; A. Jobson, 147; J. Butler, 1789; R. Risk, 410; and C. Jolly, 1472 (Freemason).

After the usual preliminaries the ballot was taken for Bro. C. Wood, 398, as a joining member and proved unanimous. Qr. Master Serjeant A. F. King was then unanimously accepted as a candidate, and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Cerridge was then passed to the Second Degree. The election of officers followed, and Bro. W. Holleyman, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, and briefly returned thanks. Bros. Gee and Lackland were then respectively re-elected Treas. and Tyler, and Bro. Gee returned thanks. It was then resolved that the annual banquet should be held at the Raglan, and that a Past Master's jewel of the usual value should be presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Welding, for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year.

Bro. Welding having returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a well-served plain supper, and on re-assembling round the social board, drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts most warmly.

Bro. Weston, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it gave him great pleasure to do so, more especially as he had given Bro. Welding his first collar in the lodge, and no one could be more proud of a protégé than he was; for the perfect manner in which Bro. Welding carried out the ceremonies and general business of the lodge showed that the selection of him to office was based upon good grounds.

Bro. Welding, in reply, was exceedingly pleased to hear that he had given them satisfaction, and was proud of their approbation. He had done his best for the success of the lodge, and referred with commendable pride to the number of good Masons who had been by him initiated during his year of office. He had not expected so many at one time, but a good wind came round and blew them into the harbour of the Military Lodge. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid applause.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and in putting it the W.M. spoke enthusiastically of such splendid Masons as Past Masters Bros. Pownall, Spinks, and Deeves, all of whom were far away on military duty; the former at Eastbourne, and the two latter at Zululand. They had, however, that night with them Bro. Weston, P.M., whose name was a host in itself, and whose services to Freemasonry had been so well recognised by provincial rank, and with his name he coupled the toast.

Bro. Weston, in response, said he was exceedingly pleased to see Bro. Penfold, P.M., present, who, although not of the lodge, belonged to it. He congratulated the W.M. upon the close of a good year's work, and the W.M. elect upon the honour conferred upon him that night by the unanimous vote of the brethren. He felt sure Bro. Holleyman would be worthy of their confidence, and render a good account of his Stewardship that time twelve months. He was pleased to see Bro. J. McCaffery, who was again amongst them in Woolwich. It put him in mind of old times, and "Stick him up against the wall said the soldier." They all knew what that meant, and he hoped to hear their old friend and Bro. McCaffery "Stick him up" again that day month.

Bro. Penfold, who was called upon, said he regretted not being present at the election of Bro. Holleyman, but felt that in him the lodge would have a good Master, and that his year of office would be a most successful one.

Bros. King and Risk having severally responded for "The Visitors," The Initiate also returned thanks for the toast coupled with his name.

"The W.M. Elect" met with a most enthusiastic reception; and, in reply, said he could only return his most sincere and grateful thanks for the kind remarks concerning him that had fallen from the W.M., and to the brethren of the lodge for their reception of the toast, and also to Bros. West and Penfold for their good wishes and flattering encomiums. He thought it a very proud thing for any man to say, "I have been unanimously elected to preside over my mother lodge." He knew something of the great responsibilities he had undertaken, and would endeavour faithfully to do his duty, strengthened and supported, as he felt he should be, by the whole of the lodge. With that support he would go anywhere and do anything. He was proud to leave that end of the lodge to go to the top end where the wise men of the East sat, and yet sorry to leave a seat where he had been surrounded by such good friends and brethren. He regretted the absence of Bro. Spinks, P.M., who gave him his first step, and also that of Bros. Pickett, P.M., and Shaw, P.M.; and concluded an excellent speech by again thanking them for the toast.

Bro. Saunders returned thanks for "The Officers," and Bro. Jolly for a hearty reception of "The Masonic Press;" and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—

The W.M. of this rapidly rising and distinguished lodge found it necessary to hold a special meeting to work off some of the labour left from the last regular meeting, and fixed Saturday, the 10th inst., for the purpose. There was a large attendance of the members present: Bros. J. Nielson, W.M.; J. Williams, I.P.M.; W. Carrington, S.W.; R. G. Shute, J.W.; J. J. Cattle, P.M. Secretary; W. Williams, S.D.; D. Ferguson, J.D.; R. H. Rogers, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; T. T. Matthews, D.C.; Ed. Austin, W.S.; W. J. Spriggs, A. J. Taylor, C. H. Bull, L. Wahluch, C. Smith, G. Whitaker, T. Pink, T. Richards, F. Purnell, C. Cross, H. Ridgley, G. Slingsby, B. Brett, H. W. Hancock, A. Thomas, L. Cornelissen, P.M., and R. Stock.

Lodge was opened in due form, and Bros. Spriggs, Wahluch, Smith, Whitaker and Purnell were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the W.M. performing the ceremony twice. On resuming, the ballot was taken for Mr.

on the prairies. Bro. Whythead then alluded to the sudden demise of the learned brother and Masonic bibliographer, Robert F. Bower, at Keokuk, and reminded the brethren that at their lodge meeting a medal had been received from Bro. Bower for the lodge collection, and moved, "That the members of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York, England, desire to express their sincere condolence with the Grand Lodge of Iowa in the loss sustained by them in the death of that worthy and highly distinguished brother, Robert F. Bower, of Keokuk." This was seconded by Bro. J. T. Seller, P.M., and carried.

Bro. Balmford, P.M., presented to the lodge library a copy of "Kenning's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry," and Bro. Whythead presented a framed engraving of Mrs. Aldworth, the female Freemason, as well as a large series of reports of Grand Lodges, files of "Canadian Craftsman," and other miscellaneous works on Masonry. Votes of thanks were accorded for these gifts. The lodge was then closed, and a couple of hours were spent in social converse, the usual toasts being duly honoured.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—An emergency meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Friday afternoon, the 9th inst., when there was an excellent attendance, considering Masonic holiday time is now on. Bro. John Atkinson, W.M., was in his position in the E., and he was supported by Bros. W. W. Sandbrook, I.P.M.; W. Savage, J.W., acting S.W.; W. F. Chapman, P.M., acting J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M. Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; J. L. Shrapnell, J.D.; O. W. Sanderson, I.G.; R. Burgess, Org.; J. J. Monk, Assist. Org.; H. Round, Steward; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were: Bros. D. Cumming, D. L. Duncan, O. Dacroy, W. Morgan, W. Hildyard, John Ballard, J. Chambers, W. Rawsthorne, W. S. Cooke, H. Williams, W. Parker, D. Fleming, W. H. Owen, J. Bramham, J. Keet, S. H. Jones, W. Campion, G. E. Redmond, D. Saunders, L. Neubert, P. Buck, and others. The visitors included Bros. Professor H. J. Stark, W.M. 1765; F. Merer, 225; and F. Owen, 1620.

Mr. Frank Colling, of the Royal Court Theatre, and Dr. E. H. Allen, having been unanimously elected, were afterwards initiated in due form, the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M. and his officers.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to refreshment, and during the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. W. Morgan, F. Merer, W. Hildyard, W. J. Chapman, and others, the accompaniments to the songs being well played by Bro. Burgess.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Bro. R. Wilson, W.M., presided, assisted by Bro. J. Harper, S.W.; J. Ashworth, J.W., W.M. elect; W. Martin, P.M., Sec.; Ed. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; D. Bell, S.D.; J. Banks, J.D.; G. Lowden, I.G.; B. Craig, Tyler; R. Baxter, P.M.; W. Foster, P.M.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; Chas. Gowan, Robt. Black, Jas. Peel, Robt. Routledge, John Bewlay, John Whinstone, John Barr, P.M. 119, P.G.J.W.; Wm. Bewlay, W.M. 119; M. Golightly, S.W. 117; J. McArthur, S.D. 119; J. Reay, 119; C. Mossop, 119; Joseph Pearson, P.M. 327, P.G.S.D.; T. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Muncaster, P.M. 1267, P.P.G.S.D.; W. L. Towerson, W.M. elect 1267; Dr. Speirs, J.W. 1267; W. Macaulay, 1267; R. Walker, 1267; W. J. Blyth, 1267; John Kelly, 1267; R. Tyson, 1267; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when Bro. Clarke assumed the chair and proceeded to discharge the duties of installing Master, assisted by Bro. J. Barr. The W.M. elect was then presented and duly installed in the chair of K.S., proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom, after which he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Wilson, I.P.M.; David Bell, S.W.; B. Craig, J.W.; J. Bewlay, Sec.; Ed. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; J. Banks, S.D.; F. T. Allatt, J.D.; C. Gowan, I.G.; and John Jonhstone, Tyler.

Too much cannot be said for the very able way Bros. Clarke and Barr discharged the duties of installing Masters. It is evident, without even the shade of flattery, they are "Masters" of their position, and not only add lustre to our "Western Hemisphere," but to the province in general. A vote of thanks having been accorded to them for their services, one candidate was proposed for initiation, and several brethren presented with their Grand Lodge certificates. A regular round of "Hearty Good Wishes" followed from the many visitors present, when the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

At the invitation of the newly installed W.M. the brethren adjourned to luncheon, provided by mine host and hostess, Bro. and Mrs. Banks, of the Griffin Hotel. Speech, song, and recitation flowed in abundance, and after spending a very pleasant evening the brethren separated.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 9th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. Goodwin, W.M., supported by Bros. J. Bate, S.W.; H. M. Williams, J.W.; R. Poore, S.D.; J. B. Sarjeant, J.D.; C. H. Phillips, I.G.; John S. Ferry, P.M. Sec.; James Stevens, P.M. Hon. Preceptor; J. Letchford, F. Thurston, P.M.; G. W. Knight, and others.

After proof of efficiency by candidate the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was efficiently rehearsed. The charge in the Second Degree was recited by Bro. Bate, and the Second Section was worked. Lodge was closed to the First Degree. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Preceptor stated his intention to devote the evening of the 23rd to the delivery of the Lectures on the tracing board in both the First and Second Degrees; and having been elected as W.M. for the fifth Friday, the 30th, undertook to work the ceremony of installation of W.M. on that occasion. The lodge was then closed in due form.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—That a good lodge of instruction, with a good and popular Preceptor, may succeed in gathering together a large and influential circle of Masons, good and true, was fully evinced on Monday evening last, when, under the presidency of Bro.

W. G. Batchelor, S.W. 548, some seventy-two of the members of the above lodge and its friends of neighbouring lodges met at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, to celebrate its thirtieth anniversary by a dinner. The lodge was opened by Bro. Batchelor, who occupied the W.M.'s chair, supported by the Preceptor, Bro. G. Andrews, P.M. 871. The S.W.'s chair was filled by Bro. J. R. Behenna, W.M. elect 153; while Bro. G. Brown, W.M. 140, filled that of J.W.; Bro. W. Johnson, 147, was S.D.; Bro. W. Pitt, J.D. 147, J.D.; and — Stentiford, I.G. 548, I.G. The minutes and accounts having been passed, Bro. J. Griffin, P.M. 933, P.P.G.J.D. Kent, took the place of candidate, and we may safely say that the ceremony of initiation, as performed by the W.M., was never better done. Several joining members were then elected, and the lodge was closed.

Among those present, besides those above mentioned, were Bros. G. Bolton, P.M. 169; G. S. Wintle, P.M. 548; W. Kippis, P.M. 1531, P.P.G. Org. Kent; D. Bear, P.M. 1155; C. G. Dilley, P.M. 147; G. Brown, W.M. 140; J. C. Perkins, P.M., Sec. 765; J. Abbotts, P.M. 765; R. Carmen, W.S. 548; S. R. Speight, P.M. 147; H. C. Dando, I.G. 1531; G. J. Gibson, Hon. Sec., W.S. 1571; W. Agate, 913; G. Risch, 706; R. Uglan, 706; J. Anderson, 1536; J. Triptree, 1326; H. J. Waspe, 700; E. Deekes, 700; W. Hollis, Treas. 1531; J. Tuck, S.S. 1531; G. Burney, 1155; T. Munn, D.C. 1531; H. C. Freeman, J.D. 147; Ross Higgin, 1216; G. Porter, 140; G. Biddick, 913; F. Hurdle, 548; H. Newton, 157; H. Lee, 169; W. H. Burney, 169 and 11; B. Taylor, 1531; C. F. Quick, 1531; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, "The Health of the Visitors" was drunk, coupled with the name of Bro. Jolly, who the W.M. spoke of as being one of the oldest and most respected Masons present.

Bro. Jolly, in reply, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present. Their lodge was identified with the name of a hero who never knew when he was defeated; and while they had such Preceptors as Bros. Andrews, Griffin, and Dilley they might calmly wait the tide of prosperity and take it at its flood. He was proud to see his old friend, Bro. Batchelor, in the chair, and must congratulate his lodge on having so excellent a Master in prospect. He was pleased to see Bro. Risch present, and would now leave the toast in his hands.

Bro. Risch briefly responded.

Bro. Dilley, in glowing terms, proposed "The Health of the Chairman." He said they could not expect him to say much after the exhaustive speech of Bro. Jolly, for that brother had really said what he (Bro. Dilley) had intended to have said, especially with regard to the chairman. Bro. Batchelor was only a young Mason of some five years' standing, and yet he could already out-Herod Herod in his Masonic working. Bro. Jolly had wished that he might do the same in his (Bro. Batchelor's) lodge. Now, in his own lodge Bro. Batchelor would be surrounded and supported by a circle of brethren whom he knew, and was perfectly familiar with; but there, that night, in the face of a number of brethren, whom he did not know, he had worked the First Degree without a fault. Did they think in his own lodge he would make a mistake? Here they had critics and hyper-critics, but there there would be none but friends, and he left it for them to say, where would be Bro. Batchelor's working among the brethren of the lodge over which he was shortly to preside. No one who knew Bro. Batchelor could but respect him. His business occupation took him amongst Masons in a remarkable degree. He went north, east, west, and south, and in every area of life found work and usefulness fitted to his genial and kind heart. It did not require him to say another word in their esteemed chairman's behalf, but he asked them to drink the toast heartily, and wish Bro. Batchelor "Long life, prosperity, and every blessing this world could give."

Bro. Batchelor, in reply, said he hardly knew how to express how deeply he felt their kind expressions. It was only due to them that he should express his regret that he should not be able, through want of words, to thank them sufficiently. He would take this opportunity to say how deeply he was indebted to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction for what he knew of the ritual of Freemasonry, and, therefore, when he was asked to take the chair upon this occasion, he could not refuse to do so. The meeting had been a great success, and augured well for the future.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction." He said that it was only by joining lodges of instruction that a Mason could hope to arrive at the chair of the W.M., while even those who did not look forward to that position would learn that which would enable them to work their way into any lodge. Now he did not mean to praise one lodge of instruction above another, yet he claimed for the Wellington Lodge that it was one of the best in the metropolis for its good working. That they owed to their Preceptors; first to Bro. Dilley, P.M.; then to Bro. Griffin, P.M.; and lastly, though not least, to Bro. G. Andrews, P.M. Nor must they forget their indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Gibson. It was to their instruction that they gained the knowledge they possessed of Masonry. He hoped to see the Wellington Lodge one of the most numerous attended lodges in the district, and resumed his seat amid ringing cheers.

In reply to the toast, Bro. Andrews returned his sincere thanks, and said, as Preceptor, he only followed the working of Bros. Dilley, Bolton, and Griffin, and without the "emulation" tried to emulate all that was good and true in Masonry. He then referred with pleasure to the working of the New Cross Lodge, of which he was Preceptor, and prophesied that the Wellington Lodge would soon become a most formidable lodge of instruction. He would spare no pains to make this equal to either the New Cross or Rotherhithe lodges, and close it early, so that the married Masons should have nothing to fear from the "Past Mistresses" at home when they got there.

Bro. Griffin returned thanks, and said as their former Preceptor he was proud to see such an assemblage as was present that night. Last year they did not do so well as they had this, and he felt that it was for the good of the lodge that he had resigned. Well, at any rate, he could not devote so much time to it as it required; and now that their new Preceptor, Bro. Andrews, brought half his pupils from the other lodges of which he was Preceptor, he (Bro. Griffin), felt the lodge would prosper. It was not in envy that he said that, but other duties called him away, and he had told them in January last that he must resign the Preceptorship of the lodge. Bro. Andrews was a wonder in

Masonry, and as for Bro. Dilley, he was without exception one of whom they all might feel truly proud. He again thanked them for the toast and wished the lodge every success. Bro. Gibson also returned thanks.

"The Stewards" were next toasted. They comprised Bros. Batchelor, Andrews, Griffin, Gibson, Behenna, Brown, Carmen, Emblin, Lefevre, Morgan, Nunn, Pitt, Stentiford, Taylor, Tuck and Vohnian; and Bro. Behenna returned thanks.

Bro. Morgan returned thanks for "The Host," and Bro. Jolly for "The Masonic Press."

The proceedings were enlivened with some capital songs and recitations, by Bros. Newton, Porter, Davis, Carmen, W. Dilley, and C. Jolly. Altogether the affair was most beautiful and enjoyable.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—This lodge met as usual at the Green Dragon, Stepney, on the 15th inst., Bros. Evans, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Price, J.W.; Barnes, P.M., Preceptor; Stephens, Deacon; Harper, I.G.; A. Walter, and others.

The lodge was duly opened, and after due formalities, the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Harper, candidate. Bro. Stephens next read the letter of condolence which he had forwarded to Bro. Barnes, P.M., in compliance with the unanimous vote of the lodge, which was unanimously approved and signed by the W.M. Bro. Harper was interrogated and entrusted, and lodge was opened up and the ceremony of passing was worked. Lodge was closed, and Bro. Taylor was duly elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening, when a good muster is desired and expected. All business being ended, lodge was closed.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—This lodge met, as usual, at Bro. Gregory's, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Bro. Breden, P.M., presided, and was supported as follows: Bros. F. Robinson, S.W.; Gregory, J.W.; Bull, S.D.; Brown, J.D.; Stewart, I.G.; J. H. Pringle, Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, acting as Sec.; Ould, W.M. 781; E. M. Money, and Cockle, 1901, Madras (visitor).

Lodge was regularly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Cockle was duly tested, and lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was capitally rendered; Bro. Cockle acting as candidate. Lodge was called off, and, after the usual interval, labour was resumed, whereupon Bro. Bull worked the First, and Bro. Stephens the Second Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting in each case. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting.

A letter was read from Bro. S. J. Turquand, P.M., and lately the Preceptor of the lodge, thanking the brethren for their kind expressions, also for their support during the five years of his Preceptorship, and approving of the appointment of Bro. J. H. Pringle as Preceptor; after which lodge was closed in due form.

UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Bro. J. Grey's, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, with a good attendance. Bros. Stroud was W.M.; Ford, S.W.; Horley, J.W.; D. Moss, acting Preceptor (Bro. A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1277, not being sufficiently restored to health to attend); C. J. Free, Hon. Sec.; Lane, Deacon; J. Oxley, I.G.; A. Clark, W.M. 1227; G. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and after preliminaries the ceremony of installation was worked, Bro. Free candidate. Bro. Stroud at this point vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Clark who opened the lodge in the Second Degree, whereupon Bro. Stroud was examined and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of conferring upon Bro. Stroud the Sublime Degree was impressively rendered. Lodge was resumed, and after several matters of minor importance had been disposed of, Bro. Stephens in feeling terms announced the loss which their esteemed Bro. Barnes had sustained by the loss of his beloved partner. Bro. Stephens had that morning assisted in paying the last sad parting honours, and moved that a vote of condolence be sent by the lodge, deeply sympathising with Bro. Barnes in his bereavement. Bro. Moss ably seconded this, and it was of course unanimously carried. Bro. Ford was elected to sustain the duties of the chair for the next lodge meeting, and a pleasant and instructive evening having been passed, lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—The third anniversary of this lodge was celebrated at the Cock Tavern, Kennington, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The banquet was numerously attended, the room being conveniently filled. Bro. Cockburn occupied the chair; Bro. Pincott officiating as S.W.; and Bro. Cooper, as J.W.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, "Prosperity to the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction" was proposed, and responded to by Bro. Boswell, the Secretary.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Plowman.

Bro. Collette responded for "The Visitors."

"The Officers" was then given, and responded to by Bros. Pincott and Cooper.

After "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Cockburn," had been drunk, and ably responded to, Bros. Masters, as the retiring, and Bro. Ayling, as the newly-elected Treasurer, responded severally to the toast proposed in their honour.

"The Health of the Preceptor of the Lodge, Bro. Frances, P.P.G.S.W. Surrey," being then proposed,

Bro. Frances, in responding, said that he felt proud of the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction. The progress they had made in Freemasonry during the short time the lodge had been in existence was remarkable, and he had no experience of any other lodge achieving so much. This was undoubtedly owing to their own industry and perseverance, as he considered himself to be only a finger-post to point the way; and from his long experience he knew how useless it was to point the way if the brethren neglected to follow. Nothing was more disheartening than to find an amount of apathy and indifference existing in the lodge. The Fifteen Sections had been worked twice during the year; once on a visit to a lodge, under distinguished patronage, and he had the pleasure and honour to inform them that he was directed to compliment them highly on the manner in which they were given. An important feature was that the brethren did not require any assistance from other lodges, as was frequently the case; in fact, it is no uncommon occurrence

to call in the aid of very old Masons, and even Preceptors. He was also gratified to find that charity was not unknown to them. They knew the word occurred in our ritual many times, and as Masons we are in the habit of boasting of our charity. However that may be, it is found that much more money is required than is given in order to meet the wants of our Masonic Institutions, and we know that many deserving brethren have to be denied; and although we see that large sums of money are subscribed, it is no less certain that very many Masons altogether neglect this portion of their Masonic duties. Turning, then, to the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction, they found that at the termination of the financial year of its benevolent fund, they would have sent up during two years nearly £150 to the Charities. They had twenty-six members who had subscribed five guineas each, and several had added an additional five guineas. This coming from a simple lodge of Instruction shows that, in addition to an acknowledgment of their industry and perseverance, they were also to be congratulated on their charity.

Bros. Matz and Schartan contributed to the musical portion of the entertainment, assisted by the brethren, Bro. Schartan ably presiding at the pianoforte. Bro. Palmer, the host, was warmly congratulated on the manner in which the banquet was served, and which gave entire satisfaction.

EARL SPENCER LODGE (No. 1420).—The last meeting of the present session of this lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, on Wednesday last, the 14th inst, when Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., on the invitation of the lodge, delivered his interesting lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the First Degree. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, who listened with great attention to the lecturer, whom they encouraged by frequent expressions of approval. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Stevens, accompanied by an invite to repeat his instructive address on the occasion of the re-opening of the winter session. Bro. Stevens, in returning thanks, accepted the invite, at the same time stating his continued willingness to deliver the lecture in any other lodge, or lodge of instruction, which might desire to hear it.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—This lodge met as usual at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, on the 7th inst. Bro. Diamond, Hon. Sec. presided, and was supported by Bros. Olley, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; Farrar, I.G.; Stephens, Fieldwick, P.M. Preceptor and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Fieldwick candidate, Bro. Fieldwick was next interrogated, and lodge having been advanced the ceremony of passing was ably worked, Bro. Fieldwick, candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Olley was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. All other business being ended, lodge was closed and adjourned until the 14th inst.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—This lodge met as usual on Monday evening, the 12th inst., at eight o'clock, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. P. H. Clisby, W.M.; Edwin Moss, S.W.; C. J. Smith, J.W.; H. K. Clisby, S.D.; C. Patrick, J.D.; J. Young, I.G.; J. Laurence, Sec.; and W. Pennefather, Preceptor; together with several other brethren.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. J. F. Gaudin, offered himself as a candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing very fairly rehearsed, much to the credit of the W.M., who is but a very young member of the Craft. Bro. Edwin Moss then gave the lecture on the tracing board, and the wrapt attention with which it was listened to expressed the great pleasure his impressive and delightful delivery afforded the brethren. Bro. W. Pennefather then worked the Second Section of the Lecture. The lodge was then closed down, and Bro. Edwin Moss was elected W.M. for the ensuing Monday evening, the 19th inst. The lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Monday, the 19th inst., at eight o'clock. Brethren will please notice that the lodge room is only arrived at through the hotel entrance.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst, at Bro. Monks, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Bro. G. W. Knight officiated as W.M., supported by Bros. H. Baldwin, S.W.; G. Millen, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; H. M. Williams, Sec.; Walter Millen, S.D.; R. Poore, J.D.; Jos. Perry, I.G.; F. Baxter, J. A. Danks, E. A. Albert, C. J. Axford, R. R. Johnstone, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the inauguration meeting on the 6th inst. read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably worked by the W.M. and officers, Bro. Albert being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed down to the first Degree. The following brethren were elected honorary members of the lodge: Bros. H. Lovegrove, W.M. 1949; T. Poore, P.M. and P.Z.; John S. Terry, P.M. 507; and E. A. Francis, 1658. Bro. Monk was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Henry Baldwin having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 221).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. P. Brockbank, P.Z., Prov. G.S.N., as Z.; Job H. Greenhalgh, H.; Thos. Higson, as J.; Henry Stead, S.E.; Jas. Heywood, S.N.; Entwistle, P.P.G.S.N. P.Z.; Thos. Morris, P.Z.; E. E. Bardsley, and T. B. Tong. The chapter was opened and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The appointment of Comp. Royes, Prov. G.H. to office in Grand Chapter was announced and received with great satisfaction. Two brethren who had been previously ballotted for and elected not presenting themselves in due time, the chapter was closed in due form.

Mark Masonry.

WORKINGTON.—Derwent Lodge (No. 282).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. T. Dixon, W.M., P.G. Reg. of Mks., through sickness, Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Treas., occupied the chair, supported as follows: Bros. Rev. E. M. Rice, S.W., P.G. Chap.; J. J. Coverdale, J.W., P.G. Stwd.; J. A. Salkeld, M.O.; F. W. Paul, S.O.; E. Burrows, J.O.; J. Thompson, Sec. and Reg.; W. Carlyle, Treas.; J. Winter, S.D. 216; Jas. Cooper, P.G. Org.; and W. Wagg, Tyler.

On the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for two candidates, which proved unanimous. Bro. S. W. Bradbury, 962, being in attendance, was advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master. With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

Rosicrucian Society.

WIGAN.—Lancashire College.—A meeting of this college was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: R.W. Frater Thomas Entwistle, Hon. IX°, Chief Adept; G. P. Brockbank, Hon. IX°, Suffragan, Prov. Treas.; V.W. Frater W. A. Byrom, VI°, Celebrant; J. D. Murray, V°, Deputy and Sec.; J. W. Horrocks, V°, 1st Ancient; A. Middleton, IV°, 2nd Ancient; J. F. Hoffgaard, V°, 3rd Ancient; W. A. Byrom (2), IV°, 4th Ancient; W. Frater H. T. Byrom, IV°, Preceptor; A. H. Crossley, IV°, Conductor of Novices; R. Young, IV°, Torch Bearer; M. Richardson, II°, Medallist; Frater Wylyde, Jefferis, W. J. Thomson, Morris, Dean, and others.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and the Secretary reported that all returns had been duly made to the High Council, and that all fratres had received their certificates of membership from that body. The jewels of the Hon. IX° were presented to the Chief Adept and Suffragan of the college in honour of their promotion to that dignity. Bros. F. C. Huet, J. M. Kerr, Thos. C. Thorburn, R. G. Brooke, and W. H. Horrocks were admitted to the grade of Zelator. V.W. Frater J. D. Murray was elected Celebrant for the ensuing year, and Frater H. T. Byrom and W. Dean were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the next year. The college was then closed in peace and harmony.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARK MARINERS' LODGE AT SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.

The brethren of Adam's Mark Lodge, No. 6, met on the 31st ult., in their lodge-room, Victoria-buildings, for the purpose of consecrating a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, to be attached to their lodge. The following brethren were in attendance: W. Bro. A. Spears, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.J.D.; Bros. J. Bagshaw, P.P.G.A. Sec.; Spiro Zennett, E. J. Penney, P.P.G.J.W.; W. T. Carpenter, P.P.G. Sd. B.; M. J. Sullivan, P.P.G.D. of C.; G. T. Green, P.P.G. Org.; R. J. L. Brown, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; R. A. Platten, P.G. Sd. B.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler.

The brethren were honoured with the presence of the R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, Prov. G.M.M.M. of Kent, and the W. Bro. G. J. Povevin, D. Prov. G.M.M.M. of Kent, who had come to be elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Masons in this, the oldest Mark Lodge in the province. W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.N., Assist. G. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, was the consecrating officer, assisted by Bros. Poor, P.N., and W. Watson, W.C.N. 237. The lodge having been opened, with Bro. Poor, P.N., as W.C.N., twelve brethren were elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners in a very impressive manner by the acting W.C.N.

W. Bro. D. M. DEWAR, P.N., then took the chair, and calling upon the Secretary, pro tem., to read the warrant from the Grand Lodge, proceeded to consecrate the lodge according to ancient form, in a manner which elicited the admiration of all the brethren.

A Board of enthroned W.C.N.'s was afterwards formed, when W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.N., placed Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson and Bro. G. J. Povevin on the throne of N., and Bro. A. Spears as the W.C.N. of the lodge of Royal Ark Masons, No. 6. The following officers were then appointed and invested: W. Bro. W. Watson, W.C.N. 237, I.P.N.; Bros. J. Bagshaw, J.; Spiro Zennett, S.; W. T. Carpenter, Treas.; M. J. Sullivan, S.D.; E. J. Penney, Scribe; G. T. Green, J.D.; R. H. Platten, G.; J. Akhurst, W.; and J. E. Brown, D. of C.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, hearty vote of thanks were given to the R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, Prov. G.M.M.M. of Kent, and W. Bro. G. J. Povevin, D. Prov. G.M.M.M. of Kent, for the honour they had conferred on the lodge through being elevated in it; also to Bros. Dewar and Pcor for coming from London to consecrate the lodge; they were also made honorary members. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Bro. Spiro Zennett for his generosity in presenting the officers' jewels and collars and the working tools of the lodge, and the benefits he had conferred in thus bringing a long wished for attachment to Lodge No. 6.

The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Britannia Hotel to a dinner, which was provided by Mrs. Green in her well-known excellent style, after which a pleasant evening was spent; the brethren separating about eight o'clock, several of them having to leave for London.

Madame Sophie Menter's last pianoforte recital will take place at St. James's Hall, on Tuesday next, the 26th inst.

"Spring's delights" can only be actually realised by those who live in healthy houses, and who combine known sanitary measures for the prevention of such infectious diseases as small pox, scarlet fever, and measles. The remedy actually becomes a luxury, when the washing of toilet, bath, and nursery is conducted with WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP. Refuse all imitations, which are but dangerous counterfeits.—[ADVT.]

A COSTLY PICTURE.

A great picture was sold at Christie's on Monday afternoon at a great price. It is Meissonier's famous picture of Napoleon I. in the campaign of Paris. It is a little thing as to size, being only about ten inches by eight; but it is a big thing as to art, almost the biggest thing, if not absolutely the biggest, that Meissonier ever painted. It shows Napoleon seated on a white horse in the crisis of his fate, bearing the grimly-resolute look of a master among men. The value of the picture is enhanced by the enthusiastic praise of Mr. Ruskin. He thought the picture so fine that he gave a thousand pounds for it, and was half afraid that he had been more zealous than discreet. When he was Slade Professor at Oxford he offered it to his class as a supreme example of the finest sort of painting. Wishing for more money to endow his museum at Sheffield, he sent it to the auction-rooms for sale. All the big dealers were there, and many connoisseurs. No sooner did the contest begin than it was seen that it lay between two bidders, the one representing an English the other an American buyer. As the sum mounted up among the thousands the packed rooms grew breathless. Five thousand guineas was at once improved upon, and still the bids grew, and at last the picture was knocked down at 5800 guineas—about £70 per square inch, and the frame thrown in. The nominal purchaser is Mr. Wallis, of the French Gallery, who is seldom without some fine Meissonier in his bi-annual exhibitions; but he, it is understood, represents the American buyer, said to be none other than Mr. Vanderbilt, who was ready, if necessary, to pay 10,000 guineas for it, if he could not get it for a lesser sum.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

- DUNLOP.**—On the 11th inst., at 11, Norwood-terrace, Southsea, the wife of Commander Hamilton Dunlop, R.N., of a daughter.
- MORGAN.**—On the 11th inst., at 25, St. Paul's-road, Camden-road, N.W., the wife of Mr. John Morgan, jun., of a son.
- OLIVER.**—On the 12th inst., at Fotheringhay Lodge, Cumberland-road, Kew, the wife of Mr. William Oliver, of a son.
- SIDERY.**—On the 12 inst., the wife of Mr. C. J. Sidery, of 34, Strand, W.C., and Belsize-road, Hampstead, of a daughter.
- STARTIN.**—On the 11th inst., at Hillside, Putney, the wife of Mr. Charles Startin, of a son.
- STOCK.**—On the 11th inst., at 18, Sheen-park, Richmond, S.W., Mrs. Henry W. Stock, of a daughter.
- WALLACE.**—On the 12th inst., at Weston Dene, Kennington Oval, the wife of Mr. Robert Wallace, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- CLAYDEN—KING.**—On the 13th inst., at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, by the Rev. W. G. Humphry, Henry Clayden, of Great Ilford, Essex, son of the late Mr. Robert Clayden, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts, to Sarah, daughter of the late Mr. Waller Mills King, of Littlebury, Essex.
- GRANT—RODER.**—On the 8th inst., at St. Paul's, Bow-common, by the Rev. Rowland T. Plummer, George, son of the late Mr. Andrew Grant, to Mary Anne daughter of Mr. Paul Roder.
- MAGEE—BELCHER.**—On the 8th inst., at St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, by the Rev. John N. Hoare, Thomas Hamilton Magee, of Greenock, to Ellen, daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Belcher.
- PARKER—ATKINSON.**—On the 10th inst., at St. John's, Church, Hackney, Joseph Carter Parker, of Clapham, Surrey, to Harriet Ann Cassandra, daughter of the late Mr. William Thompson Atkinson.

DEATHS.

- CANE.**—On the 11th inst., at Wyborne House, Grennell-road, Sutton, Surrey, Mary Ann Phillips, wife of Mr. Tom Cane, aged 39.
- COOPER.**—On the 5th inst., at Wood Green, Mr. Joseph Cooper, aged 52.
- DANIEL -TYSSEN.**—On the 11th inst., at 9, Lower Rock-gardens, Brighton, Mr. John Robert Daniel-Tyssen, F.S.A., in his 77th year.
- DARE.**—On the 7th inst., at Alberta Villa, Ealing, Mr. William Dare, in his 73rd year.
- HASLEWOOD.**—On the 13th inst., at 28, St. Bartholomew-road, Tufnell Park, Nancy Julia, wife of Mr. Edward Haslewood.
- MARRIOTT.**—On the 8th inst., at Avonbank, Edward John Beckett Marriott, son of the late General Marriott, of Avonbank, Pershore.
- MAXTED.**—On the 7th inst., at Harston, near Cambridge, Miss S. S. Maxted, aged 72.
- STEPHENS.**—On the 8th inst., at Emsworth, Mr. Daniel Wells Stephens, in his 79th year.

FUNERAL OF BRO. CHARLES RAYNER.

On Monday, the 12th inst., the remains of the above named deceased brother were committed to mother earth at Bow Cemetery. The awful suddenness of Bro. Rayner's death, which occurred on the morning of the 7th inst., had cast a gloom over the entire circle of the late brother's acquaintance, being so speedily cut off and leaving a widow and nine children. Great sympathy and respect was shown in the neighbourhood and at the cemetery, where a large assemblage of friends and neighbours were in waiting for the arrival of the funeral cortege. Among the numerous followers in broughams were the following members of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306, of which Bro. Rayner was the Steward: Bros. T. Wooding, W.M.; J. Magrath, I.P.M.; C. Veal, P.M.; W. Dawson, P.M.; T. J. Tyer, J.W.; J. T. Conture, S.D.; G. T. Holdom, J.D.; J. G. Twinn, I.G.; J. M. Stevens, Hansmann, T. Phillips, H. Kingston, and others. Also Bro. E. Davis, 1076; C. Allen, 554; and G. H. Stephens.



Mr. Thorne is certainly scoring a big success in his adventure of alone being the lessee of the Vaudeville. He seems to have decided to bring out afresh some of the fair old English comedies. "School for Scandal" was put on in a way it has never been before on the stage, and consequently filled the house for a considerable time. Without letting the audiences dwindle down, Mr. Thorne a short time since changed the programme, and after a series of morning performances of "London Assurance" put it on the boards for the evening entertainment. This comedy of Dion Boucicault's, though forty years old, is ever new. Those who saw it when it first came out are still willing to see it again, whilst to those who had not come into existence in those days it is quite fresh. The true spirit of comedy rings throughout the play. "London Assurance" belongs to the age of Queen Victoria, and life in the last forty years has not altered so very much. "School for Scandal" took us back to another century, and we are shocked and astonished at the frivolity and manner of talking of that time. Mr. Thorne, as in "School for Scandal," has contented himself with a secondary part, but makes his audience laugh very considerably as *Mark Tweddle*. There is with him no attempt at exaggeration, but he makes a great deal of his character. Mr. William Farren is still the old dandy. As *Sir Harcourt Courtlej* he displays much skill. Mr. Henry Neville, as *Dazzle*, has a somewhat difficult part to play, and well he keeps the interest in the piece together with his buoyant and free and easy style. Mr. J. G. Grahame makes a good *Charles Courtley*, his genteel manner of speaking is very pleasant. Bro. Edward Righton, whatever he puts his hand to, is sure to be amusing, and in *Dolly Spanker* the hen-pecked husband is quite at home, though we hardly have enough of his drollery. Miss Alma Murray plays *Grace Harkaway* with a new zeal, and shows her talents to perfection. We are glad she once more has a part where she has a chance of shining. It is evident Miss Murray has studied her character thoroughly. She gives to *Grace Harkaway* a special significance. *Peril*, played by Miss Kate Phillips, another Vaudeville favourite, is well done, but old friends of the house must regret that in "London Assurance" she cannot have more scope. Miss Ada Cavendish, as *Lady Gay Spanker*, is the chief female character. In her hunting speech she is at her best. Unless well given, with plenty of spirit and a perfect mastery of oratory, this had better be left out. It is only by a sparkling delivery, and a thorough entering into it, it can be properly given. This Miss Ada Cavendish does. But she does not stop here. This lady keeps up the character of *Lady Gay Spanker* throughout the play. Mr. Thorne has gathered round him a company to represent these sound English comedies that cannot be surpassed. "Money" has been lately played at a morning performance, so that we may expect when a change is wanted, this will be brought out. The comforts of the company in the "front" of the house are still well looked after by Mr. Sydney Alport.

When "La Mascotte" was announced to be withdrawn at the Comedy theatre a few weeks ago, where it was first played in England on the opening of that house last October, many regretted this, for it was still in the height of its fame. But arrangements had been made for the production of "Boccaccio" at the Comedy, and they could not be put aside. However, an opportunity presented itself for Mr. Henderson to again put "The Mascotte" on the stage, by the withdrawal of "Manola" at the Strand, and though its original characters, except M. Gaillard and T. P. Haynes, are no longer in it, it commands the same appreciative audiences. M. Gaillard plays his *Pippo* and sings his songs with the same fervour as before, but with more passion than an Englishman would do. Mr. T. P. Haynes, as *Rocco*, is more amusing than ever, now he is more familiar with the opera. Miss Clara Merrivale has fully justified Mr. Henderson's choice of taking Miss Violet Cameron's character of the "Mascotte." It must have been a difficult and a responsible thing to get a successor to Miss Cameron, and though we cannot go the length of saying it has gained in another's hands, yet it has not depreciated in Miss Merrivale's. She has a particularly unaffected manner, much to the appreciation of her audience. The "Glou Glou" duet between Miss Merrivale and M. Gaillard is encored again and again. Bro. Ashley has also succeeded to a difficult part—that of *King Laurent*—originally taken by Bro. Lionel Brough. Bro. Ashley has thrown a great deal of originality into his part, without changing the king, he adds fresh life to it. He has not attempted to imitate Bro. Brough, and rightly, too. He prefers striking out a line for himself. He has introduced a quantity of new jokes; many of them political, which were taken in good part by those who could not agree with them, and loudly applauded by those who sympathise with them. His allusion to the recent prize fight in a chapel, the Kilmainham treaty, and other topics of the day kept every one in roars of laughter, such as the "Strand" is used to respond with. Miss Maud Taylor, as the princess, sings and acts prettily. Mons. Desmond's prince is not so well rendered as it was by Bro. Bracey. His strong French accent is too marked. The song "Love is blind" we have heard Bro. Bracey called upon to repeat thrice, but M. Desmond was not asked at all. Miss Ada Wilson, of course, dances gracefully. The dresses are so beautiful, and so is the scenery, that these might almost make a piece go down, but "The Mascotte" does not require to rely on these, it has merits entirely of its own. Under the skilful management of Bro. Harry Hitchins it is likely to prove a real Mascotte to the Bros. Swanborough. We should add to be possessed of a Mascotte means to be the holder of fortune.

As we anticipated in our last week's issue, the "Wreck of the Pinafore" was withdrawn on Saturday from the Opera Comique. We hope those songs—and there are several which are good—will be saved from the "wreck." The authors will do better not to imitate another's work, though it be only by name.

Mr. Edwin Booth is announced to appear at the Adelphi as Richelieu on the 26th inst.



Of the five performances last week at the Royal Italian Opera only one had been given previously during the season, namely, that of "Lohengrin," on Friday, when Madame Albani re-enacted the part of *Elsa*, and that, too, with as brilliant a success; while, as regards the rest of the cast, our remarks of last week must be taken as equally applicable. As to the other performances, Mozart's "Il Seraglio" was given on Monday at the instance of Madame Sembrich, who played the part of the heroine *Costanza*. The cast was the same as when it was played last year, with the one exception that Signor Frapolli took the place of M. Vergnet as *Belmonte*, the lover of *Costanza*. This, however, made no difference, as he thoroughly well fulfilled his task, and sang the music of the part with great purity and simplicity. Madame Sembrich was equally at home in the passages that tax an artist's powers as in those which need sympathy and sensibility to be well interpreted. Madame Valleria as *Costanza's* attendant *Biandina*, and M. Soulacroix as *Pedrillo*, who follows the fortunes of *Belmonte*, admirably enacted the characters respectively assigned to them. On Tuesday was produced for the first time this year "L'Africaine," with Madame Pauline Lucca in the part of *Selika*, her performance being a brilliant success, both vocally and dramatically. Madame Valleria, whose range of characters seems well nigh unlimited, and who achieves equal success in all of them, was *Inez*, Signor Pandolfini making an impressive *Nelusko*, and M. Sylva a spirited *Vasco di Gama*.

On Thursday last the audience enjoyed a rare treat, Mozart's "Don Giovanni" being revived with Madame Adelina Patti as *Zerlina*, which she sang and acted to perfection. Madame Fursch-Madi as *Donna Anna*, Madame Valleria as *Donna Elvira*, Signor Marini as *Don Ottavio*, M. Gailhard as *Leporello*, and Signor Cotogni as *Don Giovanni*, all of whom, and especially Madame Valleria and the last two artistes, acquitted themselves successfully.

On Saturday last the house was crowded everywhere, partially because Gounod's ever popular opera of "Faust e Margherita" was to be performed, but principally because Madame Lucca was to take the part of *Margherita*, and though since her last appearance in the character there have been several notable *Margheritas*, the recollection of her fine impersonation of the hapless maiden was vivid among the habitués of the theatre. Suffice it to say that on this occasion she repeated her triumph of ten years since, her representation meeting with the most enthusiastic approval.

The Chester Musical Festival, which enjoyed the patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, commenced on Wednesday last in the Cathedral, the work selected being Mendelssohn's "Elijah." A band and chorus, of some 250 performers, had been brought together for the occasion; the former consisting chiefly of members of Mr. Charles Halle's Manchester orchestra, with Herr Strauss, leader and first violin; Herr Jacoby, second violin; Herr Otto Bernardt, Viola, &c.; and the latter of members of the Cathedral choirs of Chester, York, Durham, Ripon, Manchester, Hereford, and Bangor; Mr. Joseph C. Bridge, Organist of Chester Cathedral, being conductor, and Dr. R. Rogers, of Bangor Cathedral, Organist. The Cathedral was crowded, and the service commenced with the "Hundredth Psalm," arranged as a motet for eight voices by Mr. Pole, Mus. Doc. The principal vocalists were Mr. King, who took the part of *Elijah*, and was excellent in the recitatives; Miss Marriott, Mr. Maas, Madame Mudie Bolingbroke, and Madame Patey, as *Jezabel*. The performance was a great success, as likewise was that of "Acis and Galatea" in the evening at the Music Hall.

The second day of the festival was even a greater success than the first, while the programme included morning, afternoon, and evening performances. "The Prodigal Son" of Mr. Arthur Sullivan, who, but for a domestic affliction, would have been present and conducted his oratorio in person, inaugurated the proceedings, the principal vocalists being, with the exception of Madame Mudie Bolingbroke, the same as "Elijah." Mr. Maas had recovered from his hoarseness of the previous day, and Mr. King was not only in better voice, but had become better accustomed to the acoustic properties of the building. Band and chorus were both effective. Beethoven's Symphony in C minor brought the morning to a close. Spohr's "Last Judgment" was given in the afternoon, the vocalists being Miss Mary Davies, soprano; Madame Mudie Bolingbroke, contralto; Mr. Henry Guy, tenor; and Mr. Hilton, bass; all of whom acquitted themselves in a manner which secured the appreciation of the audience, on whom the performance produced a deep impression. In the evening, Dr. Bridge's "Boadicea," in which Madame Marie Roze appeared, was given in the Music Hall.

On Friday last, the third and closing day of the festival, there were again three separate performances, Haydn's "Creation" being given in the forenoon and Bennett's cantata, "The Woman of Samaria," in the afternoon, the cathedral being thronged on both occasions. Mesdames Marie Roze and Patey, with Messrs. Maas and Hilton, were the principal vocalists in the "Creation," and Madame Patey, with Miss Mary Davies and Messrs. Guy and King, in the cantata. All were in splendid voice, and both performances were given with admirable effect. A grand ballad concert in the music hall, in which all the principal artistes but Madame Marie Roze took part, brought the day and the festival to an end. The Rev. C. Hylton Stewart, precentor of Chester Cathedral, who organised the festival, had the satisfaction of carrying it to a successful issue.

On Saturday last the season of classical concerts for 1881-2 was brought to a close most satisfactorily. The great feature of the programme was the second appear-

ance in public of Signor Sgambati, who personally conducted a symphony in D of his own composition, and was the principal exponent of Beethoven's pianoforte concerto in E flat. The symphony, which is in five movements, was received most favourably by the audience, and at the close Signor Sgambati was twice called back to the platform, the members of the orchestra being almost as demonstrative in their applause as the audience. The vocalists were Middle. Carlotta Badia and Bro. Barton McGuckin, while Mr. Manns conducted throughout, with the exception of the symphony.

By the way, it is as well to let our readers know that Mr. Manns' benefit is fixed for to-day (Saturday), when the Choral Symphony will be performed. Occasion will also be taken to present Mr. Manns with a testimonial which has been subscribed for in all directions by his numerous admirers. Professor G. A. Macfarren will take the chair.

A grand operatic concert is announced to take place at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday next, the 24th inst., on which occasion Madame Pauline Lucca—for the first time for many years—Madame Fursch-Madi, Middle. Garcia, and Signori Marini, Massart, Gresse, De Reszke, and other artistes from the Royal Italian Opera will appear.



The Exhibition at Christchurch, New Zealand, was opened on Easter Monday, by His Excellency Sir Arthur Gordon, Governor. In spite of the unfavourable state of the weather there was the usual decorative display and procession, with music, salutes, &c., &c., while the attendance was large, the number of visitors being 24,000. A ball was given in the evening in honour of the event, Lady and Miss Gordon being present, together with some 750 guests.

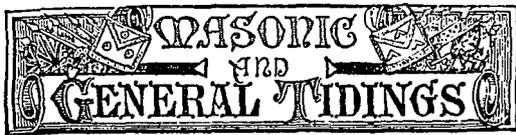
On Thursday last, at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, one of the ablest, if not one of the most successful, engineers of the present century passed away. Mr. Scott Russell, who was born in 1807, and had not yet completed his seventy-fifth year, had achieved great things in his day, though for some years past he had not taken a very active, or rather a very public, part in his profession. His father was a Scottish clergyman, and he himself was originally intended for the church. But he was allowed to enter an engineer's workshop, and to such use did he turn his intervals of leisure that after having studied at three of the Scottish Universities, he graduated at that of Glasgow when only sixteen years of age. In time he became manager of a ship-building establishment at Greenock, having in 1832 temporarily filled the chair of Natural Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh, until the election of a permanent professor in the person of Principal Forbes. At Greenock he constructed a number of vessels on what was known as the "Wave" principle, and this very speedily brought him considerable reputation. Having removed to London, we find him in 1851 appointed, in conjunction with Sir Stafford Northcote, to act as Secretary of the Great Exhibition. His great work was the construction of the Great Eastern steamship, which though commercially a failure, still remains, the largest, as well as the strongest and lightest vessel, in proportion to her tonnage, ever built. He also designed the armour-plated frigate, the *Warrior*, and the steamer on Lake Constance which conveys the trains to and from the termini on the German and Swiss sides of the lake. His last work of any consequence was the great dome of the Vienna Exhibition building with a clear span of 360 feet, which was completed in 1878. He was an able writer on all matters connected with his profession, and his opinions will be consulted by members of his craft long after the works by which he is best known have passed away.

The prizes gained by the successful exhibitors at the recent exhibition of ship models, at Fishmongers' Hall, were distributed by Lady John Manners on Wednesday last, among those present being Lord John Manners, M.P., Master of the Shipwrights' Company, the Marquis of Ailsa, Lord Norton, Lord Lamington, the Netherlands Minister, Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P., Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Sir R. Hanson, Sheriff Sir W. A. Ogg, &c. An oak casket is in course of preparation as a suitable present to the Duke of Edinburgh, for the part he had taken in the exhibition, and a gold medal was presented to Lady Manners, in recognition of her kind interest in the proceedings.

There was a numerous attendance of members at the meeting, on Wednesday last, of the Royal Agricultural Society, Mr. J. Dent Dent, President, in the chair. It was decided to set apart a further sum of £50 to continue the experiments commenced some time since in connection with anthra or splenic fever. It was also determined to offer a prize of £20 for the best and simplest form of keeping farm accounts, the copyright to belong to the winner of the prize for fourteen years.

Mr. J. Bryce, M.P., presided at the annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, which was held in the rooms of the Society of Arts on Friday last. The report showed that many old buildings were becoming dilapidated, and that the architectural beauties of many others were threatened by modern and nondescript improvements. The Chairman thought they should endeavour to enlist the sympathy and assistance of local architects and churchwardens, and expressed his opinion that ancient monuments and buildings belonged to the nation, and that no local or private authority ought to have the right to destroy them. Resolutions in support of the objects of the meeting were passed.

A rule *nisi* was granted in the Queen's Bench, on Tuesday last, on the application of Mr. Firth, M.P., calling upon the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Masons' Company, to show cause why they should not be compelled to proceed to the election of eleven assistants from the commonalty, in order to complete the number required by law.



The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire will meet at Sleaford on Thursday next, the 22nd inst.

An entertainment to the "Old Folks" at Croydon will be given on Wednesday next, by Lieutenant Cole. Special second-class carriages will run from Charing Cross at 3.22, and Cannon-street at 3.30.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent festival of the Girls' School will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday next, at five o'clock.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh attended morning service at St. Anne's, Soho, and the collection in aid of the Hospital Sunday Fund amounted to £135 15s. 6d.

The Duchess of Connaught has given her patronage to the Dramatic Matinee to take place at Willis's Rooms on Tuesday, July 4th, in aid of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo-bridge-road.

Bro. Sir John Bennett delivered an eloquent oration on Garibaldi at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, on the 5th inst., which was listened to with close attention by the whole of the Court.

The date of the departure of the Queen and Court from Balmoral has been once more altered, and is now finally fixed for Tuesday, the 20th inst.

Bro. Baron Henry De Worms, M.P. (President), occupied the chair on Sunday last at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association, held at Silver's Rooms, Gower-street.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury presented a petition on Friday to the House of Lords, from Putney, for the prohibition of vivisection.

Bros. the Earl of Dalhousie and the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw Lefevre, M.P., are the Trustees of the National Liberal Land Company.

Bros. the Earl of Donoughmore, Sir Francis Truscott, P.G.W., Alderman Fowler, M.P., R. Gole and H. S. Wright, are Stewards for the dinner of the East London Hospital for Children, to be held on Wednesday.

Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Viscount Powerscourt, and Lord Leigh, P.G.M., Warwickshire, attended the meeting of the Fox Club at Brook's, on Saturday.

Bro. Boord, M.P., is announced to take the chair at the annual dinner of the Licensed Victuallers Asylum for Children.

Bro. P. H. Emanuel, of Portsea, has an able article in the *Jewish World* on the "The Jews of China and their Synagogue in China."

Bro. the Earl of Charlemont has presented to the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, the original MSS. and correspondence of his grandfather, James, first Earl of Charlemont, who was nominated by the Crown to the presidency of that institution, on its establishment under Royal Charter, in 1786.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough spoke at the Mansion House on Tuesday, in aid of the College for the Higher Education of Women.

Bro. the Earl of Charlemont's late Countess forms the subject of an engraving in this week's *Whitehall Review*.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Bandon have arrived at Claridge's Hotel, from Ireland.

Bro. the Earl of Mar is chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Standard Land and Mortgage Company.

Bro. Tyssen Amherst has given a site of land in Upper Clapton for building new Parochial Schools in connection with St. Thomas's Church.

Bro. Major-General Burnaby, M.P., was the Hon. Sec. of the Military Tournament held at the Agricultural Hall on Monday by permission of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge.

On Wednesday a theatrical performance took place at the Savoy Theatre in aid of the Fund for Irish Ladies in Distress. Bro. Byron's Comedy, "Old Soldiers," was one of the pieces. The entertainment was under the patronage of Bros. the Lord Mayor, the Marquis of Headford, the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., the Earl of Bective, M.P., the Earl of Donoughmore, the Earl of Bandon, Earl Granville, and the Duke of Marlborough.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey presented a petition to the House of Lords in favour of a law to enable poor persons to have the benefit of the Public Prosecutor.

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., spoke and voted in the House of Commons against the Regent's Canal City and Docks Railway Bill. The Bill however passed the third reading.

Bros. Staveley Hill, M.P., and the Earl of Galloway, are directors of the Lands Improvement Company now being floated.

Bro. Baron de Worms has presented a petition in favour of Woman Suffrage, to the House of Commons.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., asked the Under Secretary for the Colonies (Mr. Ashley), on Friday, when the correspondence with regard to Cetywayo will be laid upon the table.

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Bro. Justice Cave, P.G.J.W., was amongst the puisne judges who welcomed the new judge, Mr. Justice Day, in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice on Wednesday of last week.

Bros. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., and Sir M. White Ridley took part in the Royal Agricultural Society's meeting at its rooms in Hanover-square.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Assurance Association, 5, Argyll-place, W., on Monday, the 5th inst., Mr. H. Rutherford, barrister-at-law, gave an address on "Sanitary Assurance from a Householder's Point of View."

Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside at the annual distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood-green, on Tuesday, the 27th inst.

The session of 1881-82 of the Royal Institute of British Architects was brought to a close on Tuesday, the 6th inst., by the presentation by the President (Bro. Horace Jones, Grand Superintendent of Works) of the Royal Gold Medal, the gift of Her Majesty the Queen, the recipient being Baron von Ferstel, of Vienna. It is annually awarded to some eminent architect or man of science engaged in aiding and promoting the study and practice of architecture, and every alternate year it is given to a foreigner. Baron von Ferstel was unable to be present, but the Austro-Hungarian Embassy deputed Baron Wacken to receive the gold medal.

A grand bazaar has been held this week in the Conservatory of the Royal Horticultural Gardens on behalf of the Fund for the Relief of the Distressed Irish Ladies. The Lady Mayoress presided at a stall.

About £14,000 had, to Wednesday evening last, been received at the Mansion House on account of the Hospital Sunday Fund.

Sir Frederick Leighton, President of the Royal Academy, intends to visit Jerusalem this year.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor will visit Bradford on Saturday, the 24th inst., and take part in the opening of the Technical School in that town.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Albany were present at the conversazione held at the College of Physicians on Wednesday evening last.

An interesting contribution to the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund was made to the rector of St. Dunstan's in the East, in the shape of sixpence in stamps as a "widow's mite." The donor is a very poor woman, whose daughter has received benefit in one of the hospitals in which she had been an inmate.

Bro. Dr. Hope, of Curzon-street, Mayfair, senior physician to the Belgrave Hospital for Children, has been appointed to the post of honorary physician to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

It will be interesting to know that the late Bro. General Garibaldi was godfather to the youngest child of Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, who seconded the vote of sympathy moved by Bro. Sir John Bennett at the Court of Common Council on Thursday, the 8th inst.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., preached on behalf of the metropolitan hospitals on Sunday morning last in St. Helen's Church, Great St. Helen's.

Italians in London and others wishing to express their sympathy on the occasion of the death of Bro. General Garibaldi, are invited to forward their cards, or to sign their names at the Italian Embassy, 35, Queen's-gate, S.W., or at the Italian Consulate, 31, Old Jewry.

The principal event in the Oxford Commemoration Festivities on Wednesday last was the Flower Show of the Oxford Horticultural Society in the gardens of Worcester College. The attendance of visitors was very large, but unfortunately rain came on during the afternoon. The chief of the series of balls, that given by the Apollo University Lodge, was held in the evening in the Corn Exchange and Town Hall. Amongst the other entertainments was a water party to Nuneham, given by Lincoln College.

It is stated that in the Orkney Islands the trout with which the Loch of Harray abounded have assembled in large shoals in the shallows. The farmers have taken advantage of it to land the fish in hundredweights. One farmer landed 1000 trout at one sweep, while another succeeded in landing five cartloads. The quality is uniformly good, and the farmers are salting for winter use what cannot be immediately disposed of. The men wade into the water and simply drive the fish into the nets.

Bro. Anthony Trollope, it is said, intends to write a novel description of Irish country life at the present time, and is about to start on a tour through Ireland. When he was in the Post Office he was stationed at Belfast for many years.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside at the twelfth annual meeting of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, to be held at the Guildhall on Friday evening, the 30th inst.

The Duke of Connaught, K.G., has undertaken to preside at the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, on the 24th inst. The Duchess of Connaught will distribute the prizes, and there will be a "dèjeûner" afterwards. Amongst the stewards are Mr. Alderman Finnis, Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, P.G.W.; Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C.; Bro. John Derby Allcroft, and Mr. E. North Buxton.

The Electric Lighting Bill is, we hear, threatened with considerable opposition. The Electric Companies hold that the monopoly of fifteen years which the Bill proposes to give is too short, and intend to make an effort to get it extended to twenty-one or twenty-five years.

The Lady Mayoress has been deeply interesting herself in what is called "Rescue Work" in the East-end, and, in answer to an appeal from her for the Poplar Rescue Homes, the Merchant Taylors' Company have given £31 10s.; the Mercers', £21; the Clothworkers', £20; the Vintners', £10 10s.; and the Skinners', £5 5s. Other guilds have the appeal before them. A meeting on the subject was held on Monday last, at four o'clock, at the Mansion House.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., J.G.W., W.M. No. 1, and the Lady Mayoress were present at the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury's "At Home," on Wednesday, the 7th inst.

Mr. B. Percy, of 8, Drapers'-gardens, 55, Lancaster-gate, and Markwill Hall, Wrexham, has joined the Gold and Silver Wyre-drawers' Company.

In course of the ensuing week a meeting of Italians resident in London will be held to express their sympathy on the occasion of the death of General Garibaldi, and to record their high appreciation of his courage and patriotism.

The new extensive building of the Consumption Hospital was opened on Tuesday afternoon last by the Earl of Derby, the president. It appears that the expenses will be increased some thousands a-year, and that additional funds are indispensable.

The Post Office authorities have purchased the large stone block of buildings in Newgate-street, lately large co-operative stores, with the intention of adapting them for the Postal Money Order Department.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh dined with his Excellency Prince Lobanoff, at the Russian Embassy, Chesham-place, on Tuesday last, when a select party had the honour of being invited to meet the illustrious guests. His Excellency afterwards had a dance in compliment to their Royal Highnesses.

The profits arising from the Chester Musical Festival will amount to some £600 or £700. They will be devoted to the fund for restoring the Cathedral Chapter House. The expenses of the festival amounted to £1900.

The members of the 3rd Guards' Club, past and present officers of the Scots Guards, held their annual dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. Amongst those present was the Duke of Cambridge.

Bro. Townsend Fondey, a prominent New York Mason, and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of that jurisdiction, died on the 20th ult., at the age of sixty-five years. Bro. Fondey was made a Mason in 1856, in Masters' Lodge, No. 5. He held numerous responsible positions of trust during his life, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Their Royal Highness the Prince and Princess of Wales visited the exhibition of Professor Costa's works at the Fine Art Society's Rooms, New Bond-street, on Wednesday last, where they were received by Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., and Signor-Costa.

Advices from New York state that a bridge across a swollen stream at Indianapolis, Indiana, gave way while some people were on it, nine of whom were precipitated into the water and drowned.

The annual "speeches" by the scholars of the Merchant Taylors' School was given on Monday afternoon last.

Her Majesty the Queen has promised a donation of £100 towards the enlargement of the Royal Church at Kew.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught and suite witnessed the performance of "The Parvenu" at the Court Theatre on Wednesday evening last.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught being prevented from distributing the prizes to the students of St. Thomas's Hospital this day (Saturday), the distribution is unavoidably postponed.

The Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters will hold its installation meeting this day (Saturday), at the Guildhall Tavern, when Mr. Nathaniel J. F. Bassett will be installed as the Master for the current year. There are two candidates for advancement to the degree on the same day, and a notice of motion is also on the paper that the future meetings of the lodge be held at the hall of Grand Mark Lodge in Red Lion Square.

Earl Cairns was on Wednesday among the party of visitors who inspected the Warspite training ship, and he urged the lads to maintain the great traditions of the Marine Society, which had sent 60,000 boys to sea in the Royal Navy and merchant service. The Countess of Romney presented the prizes gained by the lads in their competitions.

The directors of the Bank of England have promised a contribution of £500 towards the funds for the new building of the City of London College.

A statement of the receipts and expenditure for the banquet and procession on last Lord Mayor's Day has been prepared, showing that the dinner cost £1652 15s. 6d.; the decorations, £625 12s. 1d.; the procession, £707 9s. 6d.; music in the Guildhall, £67 13s.; printing and stationery, £298 10s.; general expenses, £415 13s. 2d.; total, £3706 19s. 3d. The receipts are as follows: The Lord Mayor, £1783 9s. 7d.; Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, £891 14s. 10d.; Mr. Sheriff Ogg, £891 14s. 10d.; the City Lands Committee, £200; total, £3706 19s. 3d. —City Press.

At Windsor Castle preparation are being made for the reception of the Queen, who, with Princess Beatrice and the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, is expected to arrive from Scotland about nine o'clock on the morning of Wednesday next. The State apartments of the Palace, in accordance with the official notice, were closed on Wednesday, and will be inaccessible to the public while the Court is in residence at Windsor, where Her Majesty will probably remain about a month, prior to visiting the Isle of Wight.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon had a dinner party on Tuesday last at their house in Portman-square, when among the guests were the German Ambassador and Countess Marie Münster, the Earl and Countess of Derby, the Earl and Countess of Kimberly, Viscount Lynton, Lord and Lady Clinton and Hon. Miss Trevelyan, Lord and Lady Tenterden and Hon. Miss Abbott, Lady Gwendolen Herbert, Sir Joseph and Lady Hooker, Mr. and Mrs. Holford and Miss Holford, Mr. Buller, and Mr. Herbert.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, June 24, 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, JUNE 17.
Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
" 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1494, Felix, Clarence Hot., Teddington.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot.

- 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., S.
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, JUNE 19.
Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1238, Gooch, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
Mark 224, Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly.
K.T. Precept. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

- 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., 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, Albany 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, JUNE 20.
Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
Board of Stewards Girls' Festival, F.M.T., at 5.
Lodge 452, Frederick of Unity, 105, High-st., Croydon.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea O. Bdg.
" 1605, New Finsbury Park, Alexandra Palace, N.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Rose Croix, 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq., W.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beauport 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.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
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 Bldgs., 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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
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, JUNE 21.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Entertainment at the R.M. Ben. Inst. at Croydon.
Lodge 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.
" 865, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
" 1638, Brownrigg, Swan Hot., Kingston-on-Thames.
" 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, N.
Red Cross, 15, St. Andrew's, S, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
Rose Croix, 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq., W.

- 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, S.
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.
Pannure, 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 22.
House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 858, South Middlesex, Beauport Hot., Fulham.
Chap. 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Mark 118, Northumberland, M.H., Basinghall-st.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-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, Walford 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 23.
Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M. Tav.
Chap. 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 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.
Unite J 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 24.
Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace.
" 1871, Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.
Chap. 1044, Mid-Surrey, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
K.T. Precept. D, Mount Calvary F.M. Tav.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-
CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE
For the Week ending Saturday, June 24, 1882.

- MONDAY, JUNE 19.
Lodge 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
" 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- TUESDAY, JUNE 20.
Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., 80, N. Hill-st., L'pool.
Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21.
Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
Toxteth L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- THURSDAY, JUNE 22.
Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.

- Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Wm. de la More Encampment, Skelmersdale H., L'pool.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

- FRIDAY, JUNE 23.
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.
For the Week ending Saturday, June 24, 1882.

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

- SATURDAY, JUNE 17.
Lodge 53, Dublin. | Lodge 269, Malahide.

- MONDAY, JUNE 19.
Lodge 126, Dublin. | Supreme Council 33°.
" 494, Dublin. | R.A. Com. of Inspection.

- TUESDAY, JUNE 20.
Lodge 141, Dublin. | Lodge 666, Dublin.
Kilwinning Preceptory.

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21.
Lodge 33, Dublin. | Lodge 730, Dublin Garrison.
Grand Chapter of Prince Masons at 4.30.

- THURSDAY, JUNE 22.
Lodge 50, Dublin. | Lodge 500, Dublin.
Precep. 153, Dublin.

- FRIDAY, JUNE 23.
Lodge 75, Dublin.

- SATURDAY, JUNE 24.
Lodge 357, Dublin. | Grand Lodge at noon.

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