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We trust that the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, at Brighton, on Wednesday, the 28th, will be a great success, and result in much "grist to the mill." Under the distinguished presidency of Bro. the LORD MAYOR, G.J.W. of England, the interests of this great and useful charity of our Order will find a true friend, and we doubt not that numerous admiring supporters of the Boys' School will rally round the Chairman, to testify alike their personal respect for him, and the high office he so ably fills, as well as to demonstrate their unchanged interest in the welfare and progress of a most important Educational Institution. Many will be unavoidably absent, owing to special and pressing engagements at this time of the year especially, who would gladly have been present, but their hearts and sympathies will still accompany the festival in all its details, and theirs are indeed "Hearty Good Wishes" for a happy and triumphant gathering. We have not said much lately anent the Boys' School, for one reason, that we have all seen the official circulars, and because we are also of opinion that it is sometimes unwise to seek to discount what to some extent should be a surprise, reflecting the greater credit on the energy of the Stewards and the labours of the Secretary.

Is it not a wonderful thing that Freemasons can never write upon any subject whatever, apparently, without at once degenerating into obvious personalities? Whence is it? Why is it? We have often puzzled our brains to try and find out why Freemasons, of all people in the world, who are always professing fraternal goodwill, who call each other brethren, who are supposed to imbibe a vast amount of the milk of human kindness, should the moment they rush into print become peremptory and pugnacious, sarcastic and satirical, in the same breath in the light or heavy words they so lucidly pen. We apprehend that this is one of the mysteries of our Craft, unexplained, inexplicable, which defies investigation and baffles curiosity, and which, perhaps, after all is said and done, it would be a great pity and even wrong to attempt to disenter from the "darkness visible" in which our Masonic forefathers have no doubt purposely and wisely left it. And yet, at the same time, it seems to be a paradox which is most marked and unintelligible in itself, and reflects little credit on Freemasonry, and *must* do Freemasonry a very great deal of harm in the minds of tolerant and circumspect outsiders. Is there no remedy for such Masonic efflorescence? Is there no possible amelioration of a sort of normal Masonic state of mind, which seems to serve as a foil to those noble professions and those beneficent acts which so demonstrate and develop the utility and blessing of Freemasonry to the world? We trust that there is, and we hope that there is; and we, therefore, once more beg respectfully to invite all our kind correspondents to place a little restraint on the vivacity of their ideas, and the acerbity of their pens. We do not think that any one correspondent is more to blame than another in this really untoward state of things, which we beg to add, editorial supervision itself, unless all correspondence should cease, is in most cases impotent altogether to overrule or to prevent. We feel rather inclined to add, in fraternal exclamation, "Brother, brother, we are all of us in the wrong!"

It seems to us that the time has come when the wide question of Masonic Insurance may be calmly and carefully considered. There are those of our good brethren who object "in limine" to the ventilation of all such subjects, because they think they discover therein a tendency to encourage the "benefit-system-idea" of Freemasonry, which they state is the great danger of the hour to English Freemasonry. Now, we are no friends, whatever to any view of Freemasonry which brings in the "benefit system"; on the contrary, we hold, and hold strongly, that any such theory or aim is utterly inconsistent with every profession, every doctrine, every arrangement of Freemasonry in its integrity and reality. And if we thought that what we now venture to suggest would any way foster or develop a "benefit" view of Freemasonry, we should be the last persons in the world to favour it or support it by friendly words or sympathetic counsels. But we believe such is not the case in the slightest degree, and so believing, our duty seems clear, and the propriety of our remarks undeniable.

Any of us who have much to do with the administration of English Masonic charity must be gravely struck with the habitual improvidence of English Freemasons. If we were asked what feature, more than another, distinguished those who make such serious claims on our benevolent funds, the answer would be, must be, recklessness and want of forethought. Few ever think of making provision for a rainy day; few ever deem it their duty in prosperous hours to provide even a small assured amount for wife or children. But they appear before us themselves, and appeal to us by their utterly hopeless widows and orphans—entirely destitute of present means, completely bereft of future help. It has occurred to us that there is an opening here, both for small insurances at death, deferred annuities to widows, and weekly allowances in sickness and decay. Is there no possibility by which, on commercial principles of business and commercial principles alone, such a system of insurance should be at once inaugurated and promoted? Many of our Craft who would be willing to do so, we believe, if they had the power and opportunity, could thus, amid more comfortable seasons and scenes to-day, make preparations for a perhaps not long deferred trial and visitation. Such a fact would not militate with benevolent grants; on the contrary, it would be an inducement to others to assist those who make a "fair claim on their charity," who know as a fact that in his lifetime, while he was able, in fair weather, the deceased or suffering brother had honestly and gallantly sought to make some provision for a rainy day. So let some wise heads amongst us look to it; it is a subject worthy of the consideration of many a far-seeing and benevolent Freemason.

The progress of Masonic archæology goes on apace, though we do not think that after all, despite many lucubrations and much controversy, we have gained very much ground, or settled definitely many "vexatæ quæstiones." No, here they are still to the fore, as vivacious, as irrepressible, as undecidable as ever. And the reason of this state of things is we think also plain and simple. We at present are still to a great extent in the dark as to the past history of Freemasonry in this country. There have been various solutions of the remarkable fact of its existence and continuance, but so far, no one has been able to give a connected, or a satisfactory, or an exhaustive view of its "raison d'être," or its "modus vivendi" in the centuries which have passed away. We think we must all concede this one fact, be we ever so critical, ever so doubting, ever so nihilistic? The Freemasonry of 1717 was a perpetuation of something. What was that something? Where is the evidence of it. How did it continue to exist? Whence did it take its rise? And it is to this point that the attention of all thoughtful Masonic students are turned to-day. It is a "crux" which has so far evaded removal, but still we do not think that it is irremovable. Far from it. A point which has latterly been brought more clearly out than before deserves especial study. It is this, that there was a seventeenth century Freemasonry in England probably akin actually to that of 1717; and, curious enough, a good deal now centres upon ASHMOLE, who is the leading figure of that movement of which we find traces in 1646, 1682, 1686, 1690, and up to 1700. And thus does history repeat itself, and as there is really nothing new under the sun, the old theory of NICOLAÏ may be in part proved to be true, by the fact that ASHMOLE did form part of a seventeenth century Freemasonry. The Gild life of the Operative Masons has yet to be more worked out before we can pronounce with safety what was their exact link with the Freemasonry of 1717, and that very curious side of Masonic story, the pure Hermetic, of which Rosicrucianism was a development, has yet to receive the attention, which so far has been denied to it, and yet which it most distinctly deserves. The Talmudic and Cabalistic connection with Freemasonry is a very remarkable feature in its past existence, and calls for careful and accurate investigation. And if it be true, as has been suggested, that there is an early printed work on Freemasonry, though no work of the seventeenth century is known so far to exist, we need hardly say if this work is discovered what a revolution must be created in Masonic history, in the "textus receptus" of Masonic annals and legends. In the meantime, our learned Bro. R. F. GOULD is working hard, we understand, at his history of Freemasonry, and we need hardly add that we, in common with many other brethren, expect great things from Bro. GOULD.

PRINCE ALEXANDER, of the Netherlands, has been, we are told by non-Masonic papers, elected G.M. of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands. We hope that the fact is so, and that our worthy Dutch brethren may under his régime be both prosperous and peaceful, flourish and progress in harmony and true Freemasonry. We trust they will avoid those "will o' the wisps" of change and the like in the landmarks of Freemasonry which the French Grand Orient has so unwisely set on foot, and which can only end in a complete sundering of our one great Masonic Cosmopolitan Family.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The summer entertainment, given yearly to the inmates of the Institution at Croydon, took place on Wednesday, on which occasion Bro. Lieut. Cole, the ventriloquist, was engaged to go through one of his entertainments ("The Merry Folks"), displaying his marvellous powers of localising his voice, to which is added a rare imitative faculty, and not a little original humour. Miss Berrie Stephens, R.A.M., and Bro. Prenton, both professional singers of ability, also came, with Bro. Harry Sullivan, and gave their gratuitous services, to continue the evening's amusement after the great ventriloquist had returned to town. A great many brethren and their wives, daughters, and friends came to see and hear. Of course they did. Whenever do you find an occasion connected with any of three Masonic Institutions, when a number of those who take the most active interest in the Charities, and give so large a portion of their time to attending Committees, and keeping an eye upon the work and help to do it, are not to be found devoting half a day to the Institution, whichever it may be, and showing their desire to be cordially acquainted with the inmates?

Amongst those present on Wednesday were—

Bro. C. J. Perceval, Bro. H. W. Alford and Mrs. Alford, Bro. T. Cubitt, Mrs. Calmer, Miss Pendlebury, Bro. T. J. Barnes, Bro. A. H. Tattershall and Mrs. Tattershall, Bro. D. M. Dewar, Bro. C. Blain and Mrs. Blain, Miss Berrie Stephens, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Bro. C. J. Hogard, Bro. G. T. Bickerton, Bro. Walter Gompertz and Mrs. Gompertz, Bro. J. J. Berry and Mrs. Berry, Bro. R. J. Murlis, and Mrs. Murlis, Bro. Chas. Lacey and Mrs. Lacey, Bro. L. Ruf, Bro. S. Blain, Bro. C. H. Webb, Mrs. Savage, Bro. G. F. Massey, Bro. W. W. Morgan, Bro. J. Newton and Mrs. Newton, Bro. James S. Fraser, Bro. H. G. Thompson, Bro. S. Carrington and Mrs. Carrington, Bro. Alf. L. Annett and Mrs. Annett, Bro. R. P. Tate and Mrs. Tate, Bro. R. H. Halford and Mrs. Halford, Miss Clara Halford, Bro. A. H. Hickman and Mrs. Hickman, Bro. Joseph Crump, Mrs. E. A. Strong, Bro. H. C. C. Owen and Mrs. Owen, Bro. G. F. Cook, Bro. Chas. Daniel, Miss Kate Terry, Mrs. A. Constable, Mrs. E. Webster, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Darke, Bros. R. G. Blowyer, H. M. Mason, Fermer, J. R. Gallant, G. L. Moore, W. Pym, E. Terry, J. E. Terry, Alfred Faull, A. F. Faull, J. F. Davies, Edward Davies, John Roberts, A. E. Roberts, M. Broadley, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The greater proportion of the company having come down early, a substantial tea was provided in the Hall, the enlargement of which prevented the crowding which used formerly to occur, and enabled the House Committee, with the able assistance of Mrs. Terry, Bro. Terry, and his official colleagues, to dispense their hospitality in comfort. After tea the company dispersed themselves about the grounds and houses until Bro. Terry, with the big bell, summoned everybody to the hall, when it was found that Lieutenant Cole and his "friends" had arrived. At least, those who entered the room could see somebody on the platform, but as the light was behind him (a most undesirable arrangement) his features were not distinguishable. Both inmates and visitors appeared to be highly amused at the ventriloquist's powers of voice, and not at them only, but also at the quaint remarks he put into the wooden mouth of the old "Lancashire Lad," which is certainly the most effective figure he has got. These remarks, shot out by the old boy unexpectedly at all and sundry among the audience, kept them in a continual state of merriment, so that when the allotted hour had passed away one could scarcely believe it gone.

After the Lieutenant's departure, the entertainment was continued as a concert, which was opened by a song from Miss Terry, who was followed by Miss Strong, and both sang very prettily. Bro. Prenton, already referred to, possesses a powerful voice, and sang several bass songs with considerable effect. Miss Berrie Stephens has a fine soprano voice of good compass, which is not only powerful but pleasant to listen to. She was loudly applauded after singing "Sing sweet bird;" and in the duet, "No, Sir," which she sang with Mr. Prenton, this young lady exhibited not only musical but dramatic power; but the song in which, of all others, she was most effective was "A bird in the hand." As a rule, amateurs do not care to put themselves in comparison with professionals, and it was very kind and good-natured of Miss Strong and Miss Terry to come forward so frequently, but as they both sing very nicely they could afford to brave the comparison referred to. Mrs. Bonorandi, "our musical inmate," who plays accompaniments with an admirably light touch, kindly assisted at the pianoforte.

Bro. TERRY proposed to the company that a vote of thanks was due to Bro. Sullivan, Miss Bessie Stephens, and Bro. Prenton, for having so kindly not only given, gratuitous, professional services on this occasion, for the entertainment of their old friends, but had also led him to hope that it might not be impossible to have their aid on a future occasion on the same moderate terms. The vote was, of course, carried by acclamation, and Bro. Sullivan, in returning thanks, confirmed what Bro. Terry had told them, and said that for the benefit of the Institution they would be happy to afford their services on a future occasion.

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART said that it was usual on these occasions to say a few words to the company before parting; and, on behalf of the House Committee, he had to say that it was a very great source of satisfaction to them to see there so many old friends and members of the institution. The institution had done a great deal of good; it was a satisfaction to know that, and he trusted that it would be as useful in the future as it was now. But they must remember that nothing could be done without money. The House Committee liked to make an occasion every half-year for giving a little entertainment to their old friends; they had had several such, and always tried to secure some popular favourite to come and amuse them. On the present occasion it had been Bro. Lieut. Cole; and he, the speaker, thought that all would agree with him in considering Bro. Cole's entertainment a most wonderful production. (Hear, hear.) All this sort of thing was under the management of one who took a most lively interest in the welfare of the Institution; and he would ask them to cordially and

sincerely accord a vote of thanks to one who by his care had enabled them to enjoy themselves—Bro. Terry. It was pleasant to meet now in this enlarged hall, where, instead of being cramped, they had now plenty of room to move about in comfort; where they could sit down and feel that they were thoroughly welcome, and that all that could be done was done for their happiness. For all these benefits they were indebted to the exertions of Bro. Terry, and he hoped that those noble exertions would not be forgotten by any of them. There was a time when that building was hardly known, but it was now widely known, and had increased in proportion; and not only so, but they were enabled to grant such annuities that all might be happy and comfortable; and he said, without fear of contradiction, that they were indebted for it to Bro. Terry, whose one desire is to maintain the Institution and the comfort of the annuitants, and it was, therefore, that he asked them to show their good feeling by a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry.

Bro. TERRY in reply, tendered his thanks for the very kind words which the chairman of the House Committee for the past year had given utterance to. In years gone by the room they were in was a barn, containing only a few old iron bedsteads; the paper was peeling from the walls and ceiling and it seemed in a state of dry rot. Nine years ago, when he was made Secretary, there was a want of harmony, a want of unity, and a want of sympathy; there did not seem any kindly feeling about the place; and a lady or gentleman might move into a building and go to his or her apartments, without anyone else in the building, knowing their names. That he considered a great misfortune; he thought something was wanting, something to unite them in one brotherhood. This had been accomplished gradually. He could remember the time when blinds were drawn down at the Institution whenever officials visited the place, but now whenever anyone came faces appeared at every window with a smiling greeting upon them. Seven years since he inaugurated a little tea party to those who were residents of the Institution, and many friends came down on that occasion and gave them a little music. Since that time the custom had grown, and he hoped to the gratification of every one. It had increased as friends became more numerous. As funds increased the houses of the building had been increased. He had to thank the Committee for the support he had received. Nothing had been refused; nothing had been begrudged which the Secretary had proposed; and he must remind them that he was only the Secretary, simply doing his duty, as well as he was able, for the happiness of those whom Providence placed in that building. He should be glad to see the room, if it were possible, still further enlarged, for if it were he believed they would have no difficulty in filling it with those kind friends, who, whenever they knew that a fund was wanted, showered down the golden sovereigns and the paper notes; and he hoped that the day was far distant when that support would cease to be extended for the purpose of carrying out that Masonic duty of caring for the comfort and happiness of parents in their old age. In conclusion, he trusted that he might yet be spared a few years to do all he could to promote the interests of this great Institution.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART proposed a vote of thanks to the Warden, Bro. Norris, who had most faithfully performed his duty; and, in making this proposal, he would express the wish that, on account of his advanced age, Bro. Norris should be relieved from making a reply.

The vote was carried by acclamation, and the company separated after having spent a very pleasant evening.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, held the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., took the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were:—

Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, J. H. Matthews, P.M., 143; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Mann, P.M., 186; E. F. Storr, P.M., 22; Charles Atkins, P.M., 27; Henry Garrod, P.M., 749; Charles Dairy, P.M., 141; William Stephens, P.M.; Thomas Cull, P.M., 1446; W. A. Weston, P.M., 1536, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Sculley, Treas. 1789; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M., 172; Frederick Binckes, P.M., G. Steward; Thomas Sanders, P.M., 905; Whiteway Wilkinson, I.P.M., 145; J. Harrison, P.M., 1829; John Symons, P.M., 1489; A. Posener, W.M., 15; John R. Pills, W.M., 193; J. H. Watts, W.M., 63; E. C. Mather, P.M., 23; George Carrick, P.M., 809; L. C. Haslip, W.M., 813; Thomas Cross, W.M., 1194; George Cole, W.M., 1742; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; and H. Massey, W.M., 1928, (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed the recommendations made at the May meeting to the amount of £240. There were twenty-nine cases on the new list, of which eighteen were country cases and eleven London. Two cases were dismissed and one was deferred. The remaining twenty-six were relieved with a total sum of £610. This sum was composed as follows: Two £50 (£100); three £40 (£120); five £30 (£150); six £20 (£120); two £15 (£30); five £10 (£50); and two £5 (£10).

The whole of the business was concluded in a little over three hours. The lodge was then formally closed.

FREEBORN.—In all the old Constitutions free birth is a "sine qua non," and the reason is obvious. In those early days a serf, or a villein, was the property of his master, and unless he had purchased or acquired legally his freedom—unless he was manumitted—could be reclaimed at any time by his master. More than one Act of Parliament relates to this very point. Now, though the old charge remains, our Grand Lodge only orders the declaration that the candidate is a freeman.—*Keuning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The annual meeting of this Province was held on Monday afternoon, at the Foresters' Hall, West-street, Reading. The Prov. Grand Master, (Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.) and the Prov. Grand Officers and other brethren, had an admirable reception at the hands of the Reading Union Lodge, No. 414, under whose auspices the lodge was held; the arrangements made by that lodge being all that could be desired. There was a large gathering of brethren, not only from the province, but also from neighbouring provinces, and from the Grand Lodge. It might be mentioned that the whole of the lodges in the province of Berks and Bucks were represented.

The following brethren were present: Prov. G. Officers—Bros. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M.; T. Taylor-S.G.W.; J. Wilson, J.G.W.; Rev. N. T. Garry, Chap.; Rev. H. G. Layton, jun., Chap.; C. Stephens, Treas.; E. Davey, Reg.; R. Bradley, Sec.; L. M. Nixon, S.G.D.; W. Ferguson, J.G.D.; C. E. Belcher, S. of Wks.; W. Biggs, acting D.C.; S. Knight, G.D.C.; Dick Radcliffe, A.D.C.; E. Margretts, S.B.; E. J. Blackwell, R. Dowsett, J. W. Martin, J. E. Sydenham, G. A. Charubin, and J. W. Thorp, Stewards. Past Prov. G. Officers—Bros. H. D'Almaine, P.S.W.; H. H. Hodges, P.S.W.; B. T. Fontaine, P.G.T.; J. Weight, man, P.J.W.; C. Oades, P.G. Reg.; A. Welch, P.G. Reg.; W. Biggs, P.G. Sec.; W. S. Cantrell, P.G.S.D.; J. W. Hounslow, P.G.S.D.; J. W. Blower, P.G.S.D.; J. E. Banks, P.G.S.W.; J. T. Brown, P.G.S.W.; E. Baker, P.G.S.W.; C. W. Cox, P.D.C.; and W. P. Ivey, P.S.B. Members of Lodges in Province—Bros. E. C. Knight, W.M. 948; W. B. Wilson, W.M. 574; T. M. Lynch, W.M. 631; S. Bradley, P.M. 414; C. A. Barrett, W.M. 945; and about eighty other members of lodges in the province.

Visitors: Bros. Rev. R. P. Dent, P.G.C., W.M. 1894; Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G.C.; Rev. Arthur Fearon, P.G.C. Eastern Archipelago; J. H. Clarke, P.M. 1887; Major Shanks, P.M. 1887, and P.G.W. Devon; S. G. Kerchhoff, P.M. 1899, P.S.G.W. Surrey; Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.S.W., P.G.M. Middx.; J. G. Poole, P.M. 1117, South Africa; Reginald Bird, P.G.D., Dep. G.M., Oxford; R. P. Spice, P.G.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; and J. Terry, P.P.S.G.W. North Hunts.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock, and after the P.G. Secretary had called over the lodges in the province, he proceeded to call over the roll of the Prov. Grand Officers, nearly all of whom were present.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then proposed that the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Aylesbury on the 20th June last year, should be taken as read. This was agreed to.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY (Bro. R. Bradley), then reported that Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, had, on the 14th September, 1881, consecrated a new lodge at Slough, called the Herschel Lodge. He further reported that on the 3rd of May last, a new Masonic Hall at Aylesbury was dedicated by the Provincial Grand Master, and opened in the presence of a large number of distinguished brethren.

The financial statement was then read by the PROV. G. SECRETARY, from which it appeared that the receipts for the previous year amounted to £208 10s. 2d., the present balance in hand being £101 8s. 3d.

The Charity Committee's Report was then read, showing the total receipts, including a balance in hand from last year, to have been £163 10s., the sum of £74 5s. being the amount of the present balance.

On the proposal of the PROV. G. MASTER it was then unanimously resolved that the sum of £26 5s. be voted from the Provincial Fund to the Charity Fund, and that £105 be appropriated from the Charity Fund in sums of ten guineas and five guineas to the various lodges subscribing to that fund.

The PROV. G. MASTER congratulated the brethren on the steady progress of Masonry in the province during the past year. He hoped other towns in the province would follow the example of Aylesbury, and have lodge-rooms of their own, thereby avoiding the necessity of meeting at public establishments. He was also pleased to offer them his congratulations upon the prosperous state of the Charity Fund.

The Prov. G. SECRETARY then gave his report of the lodges of the province. The lodges now showed the following membership: Etonian Lodge, 75; Union, 63; Hope, 61; Buckingham, 52; Methuen, 16; Windsor Castle, 62; St. Johns, 19; Scientific, 62; Abbey, 42; St. Barnabas, 39; Greyfriars, 58; S.S. Peter and Paul, 41; Alma Mater, 11; Wycombe, 31; Ellington, 57; Watling Street, 29; Vale of White Horse, 28; Grenville, 19; St. Hilda, 19; Herschel, 22; and Wellesley, 18.

The re-election of Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading, as Provincial Grand Treasurer, was then proposed by the D.P.G.M. The P.G.M. seconded the nomination, remarking upon the satisfactory manner in which Bro. Stevens had always kept the accounts.

The election was unanimous, and Bro. STEPHENS, replying, thanked the brethren for the honour done him, assuring them that to fulfil the duties of the office was a pleasure to him.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then alluded to a letter from the Grand Secretary, referring to the increase of quartermaster to the Benevolent Fund, proposed by Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D. A discussion followed, after which, upon the motion of the P.G.M., it was resolved that the different lodges in the province should be asked for an expression of opinion on the subject. A copy of the letter to be sent to each lodge for that purpose by the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The P.G. MASTER then invested the following brethren with the Charity jewel: Bros. J. Andrews, C. Stephens, F. J. Ferguson, W. B. Wilson, F. H. Lyon, G. A. Charubin, A. McDowall and C. M. Footit, each of these having served as Stewards to the Masonic Charities.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:

- Bro. R. C. Mount, W.M. 414 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- „ Lewis Poulton, W.M. 591 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- „ Rev. G. H. Layton, 591 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- „ Rev. A. Fearon, 1566 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- „ Chas. Stephens, P.M. 414 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- „ J. Batting, 1501 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- „ Robert Bradley, 414 ... Prov. G. Sec.
- „ J. R. Siator, W.M. 1787 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- „ E. J. Blackwell, W.M. 1101 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- „ R. King, W.M. 840 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- „ A. McDowall, W.M. 948 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- „ R. Nicholson, W.M. 1566 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- „ F. H. Lyon, P.M. 574 ... Prov. G. Swd. B.
- „ S. Hales, 591 ... Prov. G. Org.
- „ E. Horne, 1887 ... Prov. G. Purs.
- „ C. Nowell (Windsor) ... Prov. G.A. Purs.
- Bros. C. Cooper King, W.M. 1899; }
 Jos. Andrews, W.M. 209; A. }
 Pears, 209; J. Goddard, 771; } Prov. G. Stwds.
 J. Ashby, 771; and R. E. }
 Hannis, 771 ... }
 Bro. Hemmings (Reading) ... } Prov. G. Tyler.

It was stated by the Provincial Grand Master, that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Windsor next year, where, Sir Daniel hoped, there would be a large gathering.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in the usual manner.

Immediately the business had concluded, many of the brethren adjourned to the Old Town Hall, to partake of the banquet which Bro. William Flanagan had provided in most *recherché* style, affording entire satisfaction to the executive, the only regret expressed being that a number of the brethren who attended lodge did not also take part in the festive proceedings. The tables were laden with all the delicacies of the season, and Bro. Flanagan was much complimented on his excellent catering. The floral decorations were undertaken as usual by Bro. Dick Radcliffe, of the firm of Dick Radcliffe, and Co., florists, High Holborn. Bros. Dyson, Beckett, De Lacy, and Chartan, of Windsor, carried out the musical arrangements, but the performance was somewhat curtailed in consequence of the toast list being got through rather more rapidly than usual, to allow of brethren leaving by the early evening trains.

The chair was occupied by the Prov. Grand Master, who was supported at the principal table by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg), the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex (Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.), the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire (Bro. Reginald Bird, Past G.D.), Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.A.D.C. Eng.; Bro. James Terry (Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), and the principal Prov. Grand Officers and visitors.

The P.G.M. successively proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" and "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past."

Replying to the latter, Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., P.G.M. of Middlesex, said it gave him great pleasure to be present to-day, as it afforded him an opportunity of meeting, not only several of the Grand Officers of England, but also many of the brethren of a province which adjoined his own. The two provinces always had worked together most amicably, and he trusted they would always pull together in every way. (Cheers.) The Grand Lodge had been fortunate in having two of the Royal Princes filling high offices, and in having for two years the Lord Mayor of London occupying the Junior Warden's chair. (Cheers.) There was no doubt from the position which the Order held, both in London and the provinces, that Masonry would continue to advance, as it had done during the past few years. They did not wish, however, to see their Masonic lodges increase so much in numbers as in quality. (Hear, hear.) He felt quite sure they would endorse his opinion that they should all be careful not to introduce into their lodge any who were at all likely to bring discredit on the Order. (Hear, hear.) He would avail himself of this opportunity of proposing a toast which, he felt sure, would be most acceptable to every brother present, namely, "The Health of their worthy Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch." (Cheers.) Sir Daniel had now presided over this province in the most able and agreeable manner for a number of years, and brought it into a flourishing position, such as other provinces must almost envy.

The P.G.M. thanked his friend, Sir Francis Burdett, most heartily for the kind way in which he had proposed his health, and he was also grateful to the brethren for the cordial reception they had given to the toast. It had given him sincere pleasure to see so large a gathering of the brethren on this occasion, and he hoped there would be as equally large attendance at Windsor next year. With regard to Masonry in this province, the reports presented that day showed a steady progress, but he recommended to their consideration the remarks of the previous speaker, as to their looking to quality rather than quantity when adding to the strength of their respective lodges. (Hear, hear.) They did not wish to initiate as Masons any who were at all likely to bring discredit on the Craft, and therefore in their zeal to increase their lodges they should be careful not to admit anyone for whom they could not vouch as a fit and proper person to be made a Mason. (Cheers.) Sir Daniel concluded by proposing "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master" whom he thanked for the assistance he had given him in conducting the affairs of the Province. (Cheers.)

The D.P.G. MASTER, in reply, assured the P.G.M. and the brethren that it would afford him the greatest possible pleasure to do anything in his power for the welfare of Masonry. (Cheers.)

The P.G.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," associating with the toast the name of Bro. Bird, D.P.G.M. of Oxfordshire, who returned thanks.

"The Masonic Charities formed the subject of the succeeding toast, and Bro. TERRY, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, responded in an able speech, giving interesting particulars concerning the Charitable Institutions of the Order, which he commended to the liberal support of the brethren.

The P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the Newly-Appointed Provincial Grand Officers," for whom Bro. R. MOUNT, S.G.W., replied.

The P.G.M. gave "The Health of the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Union and Greyfriars Lodges," and

expressed his thanks for the excellent arrangements made for the reception of the Prov. G. Lodge.

Bro. E. J. BLACKWELL, W.M. of the Greyfriars Lodge, suitably responded.

The P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Treasurer, and the Prov. G. Secretary." They were much indebted to the Prov. G. Treasurer for the manner in which he looked after their finances, and he (Sir Daniel) said he could not too strongly express his gratitude to the Prov. G. Sec. for the admirable way in which he conducted the affairs of the province. (Cheers.)

Bro. CHARLES STEPHENS, P.G. Treasurer, thanked the brethren for having unanimously elected him for the fourth or fifth time, and assured them that it would give him much pleasure to discharge the duties of the office so long as they chose to elect him. (Cheers.)

Bro. ROBERT BRADLEY, P.G. Secretary, in returning thanks, said, they had already heard of the progress Masonry was making in this province. Several new lodges had been consecrated, and the progress they had made gave evidence that they had supplied a real want in the several places in which they had been formed. As regards the good work which was being done in the province in behalf of the Masonic Charities, he need only refer to the fact that no less than eight of the brethren had that day received charity jewels in recognition of the services they had rendered as Stewards at the Charity Festivals. (Cheers.) The dedication of a Masonic Hall at Aylesbury, and the contemplated erection of a similar building at Buckingham also gave evidence of the vitality of Masonry in the province. (Cheers.)

The toast of the Provincial Grand Stewards, and the Tylers' toast, were then honoured, after which Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch vacated the chair, and the brethren began to disperse.

North Africa.

INSTALLATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND MARK MASTER.

The installation of R.W. Bro. Thomas Fellowes Reade, 33°, P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt, Her Britannic Majesty's Political Agent and Consul-General at Tunis, as D.G.M.M.M. for North Africa, took place at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on the 10th inst.

R.W. Bro. Broadley, D.G.M.M.M. of the Mediterranean, opened D.G.L. in ample form at 7 p.m. He was supported by a goodly attendance of D.G. Officers, and of the members of the Kingston and Saint Louis Mark Lodges.

The D.G.M. having briefly explained the object of the meeting, and the dispositions adopted by the M.W.G.M. M.M. as to the division of the district over which he had ruled as D.G.M. and as D.G.M. of Malta and Tunis for three years, took leave of the brethren in affectionate terms. Bro. Broadley's concluding remarks were heartily applauded, and he then proceeded to install in an impressive manner Bro. Reade in the chair of A.

This ceremony accomplished, Bro. Reade was duly presented, and his patent having been read, he was obligated and installed as D.G.M. He then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

- Bro. Dr. A. Perini, P.M. 222 ... D.D.G.M.
- „ Professor Souiller, Officier d'Académie ... D.G.S.W.
- „ L. Curletto ... D.G.J.W.
- „ Professor Clement, Officier d'Académie ... D.G.M.O.
- „ A. Blanch ... D.G.S.O.
- „ P. Q. Puliga, L.L.D. ... D.G.J.O.
- R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, P.G. M. Kent (Hon. Member 222 and 254) ... D.G. Chaplain.
- Bro. G. Barsotti ... D.G. Treas.
- „ A. Andry ... D.G. Sec.
- „ Dr. Pace, M.D. ... D.G. Reg.
- „ General E. Musalli ... D.G.S. of W.
- „ J. E. Gessel ... D.G.S.D.
- „ A. Attard ... D.G.J.D.
- „ G. B. Cassar ... D.G.D. of Cers.
- „ J. Monge ... D.G.A. Sec.
- „ N. d'Amico ... D.G.A.D. of C.
- „ Captain R. A. Johnstone ... D.G. Org.
- „ F. Michel ... D.G. Swd. Br.
- „ J. Catalano ... D.G. Std. Br.
- Bros. J. Barsotte, J. Souiller, and S. Angelica ... D.G. Stewards.
- Bro. A. Chevallier ... D.G.I.G.
- „ A. Villareale ... D.G. Tyler.

R.W. Bro. READE then addressed the brethren at some length, and expressed his determination to support the Mark Degree throughout the district, and to follow in the steps of his excellent friend and predecessor, Bro. Broadley, from whom he had received the gavel. He invited the brethren to mark their high appreciation of their P.D.G.M. by helping him in his office of Steward at the coming festival of the R.M.I.P.B., when he would represent the Mark district of North Africa.

At the proposal of Professor SOUILLER, seconded by R.W. Bro. READE, a vote of thanks to the P.D.G.M. was placed on the minutes of Prov. Grand Lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to the Grand Hotel, where they were entertained by the D.G.M. at a banquet, provided by Bro. F. Michel. The usual toasts were honoured, and a most harmonious and agreeable evening spent.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Citizen," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Printing Times and Lithographer," "Broad Arrow," "Freemason's Chronicle," "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France," "The Hull Packet," "The Keystone," "Jewish Chronicle," "Hebrew Leader," "The Court Circular," "La Boletín Masonico," "New York Dispatch," "The Daily Gate City," "El Taller," "Masonic Review."



SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 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.]

THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot allow the letter of "23 C." to remain unanswered, more particularly as he is evidently unaware of the constitution and practice of the Lodge of Benevolence. For his information I may add that it is composed of the Master of every lodge under English Constitutions, and not London brethren only; and, during the twenty-one years I have had the honour to be an elected member, no sum of £400 has ever been voted to any brother, neither has any sum ever been voted by the lodge with the understanding that it should be repaid.

I admit that large sums have been voted by the majority of the members present, and which in many cases I have thought excessive; but there cannot be any better object in voting such sums than to assist in re-establishing unfortunate brethren, and by so doing enable them to earn a livelihood for their families.

I am, fraternally yours,

JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B.,

President of the Board of Benevolence.

[We felt quite certain that there was some mistake, and are much obliged to Bro. Nunn for writing to *Freemason*.—Ed. F.M.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have only just read your issue of December 3rd, 1881. In your paragraph *re* the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, you say "the body" formed itself out of some Irish and Scottish Lodges, and no English Lodges; and you conclude by saying, "There ought to have been a concurrent majority, at the least, of the three jurisdictions." What would you say if it should appear that there is actually a majority of lodges in New South Wales in favour of the movement, but that they have not been allowed to say so; that, in fact, they were forbidden even to discuss the abstract question of whether it was or was not desirable to establish a Grand Lodge in New South Wales?

Yours fraternally,

LESTER S. DONALDSON,

P.M. 1059, E.C.

Echuca, Victoria, March 31st, 1882.

[We should say that if there had been any evidence of the wish of the English Lodges to join in the movement, they could constitutionally have evidenced it by proper representation in the proper quarter. We believe our brother is utterly misinformed as to the real opinions of the brethren under the English District Grand Lodge.—Ed. F.M.]

A MASONIC HALL FOR MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of May 20th appears a letter under this heading, signed "Middlesex," calling attention to the want of accommodation for lodges at Twickenham and the neighbourhood, and suggesting the erection of a Masonic Hall.

I should be pleased to co-operate with the brother making this suggestion, with the view of accomplishing so desirable an object, and shall be glad if you will kindly place me in communication with him.

Yours fraternally,

R. W. FORGE,
I.P.M. and Sec. 1793.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.—A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Kindly inform me whether the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, for the Valley of New Zealand is a recognised body; that is to say, is it acknowledged by the Supreme Councils of England, Scotland, Ireland, and the United States? I have put the question to two or three brethren here belonging to the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 11, Melbourne, English Rite, and they cannot speak positively.

Very fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

Melbourne, May 15th, 1882.

[Will some well-informed member of the A. and A. S. Rite under the Supreme Council, kindly answer this query of an esteemed correspondent.—Ed. F.M.]

NOMINATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask through your columns who is responsible for the list of brethren presented to the Board of Masters for brethren to serve on the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution? Can any one answer the question?

Yours faithfully,

CURIOUS.



HISTORY OF THE GRESHAM LODGE, No. 869.

By Bro. WALTER E. GOMPERTZ, P.M., P.P.G. Purs. for Herts.

This neatly printed and compact "historiette" of the Gresham Lodge, formerly 1171, though now 869, after twenty-one years of existence, will be welcomed by all who collect and value such memorials of our lodges. It is quite clear that Bro. Gompertz, with infinite good sense, has been determined to be early rather than late in the history of so well-known a lodge; and we thank him for thus setting a good example to many, who, for some reason or other, are very chary in communicating "excerpts" from their lodge minute books, and think it rather a mark of Masonic discrimination than otherwise to seek to wrap up in impenetrable obscurity what has an interest to many, and has really nothing mysterious or important about it. The true history of English Freemasonry, which has yet to be written, must depend for its facts and its historical accuracy on the actuality and development of lodge life; on the reality which has accompanied its progress; on the certainty which can be ascribed to its proceedings. And he is the most sympathetic and cosmopolitan and patriotic Freemason who, recognizing this need and facing this responsibility, communicates, with the consent of his lodge, all that can be properly extracted by careful and expert supervision from fading entries and decaying minute books. Bro. Gompertz's little and lucid work is an example to all good brother Secretaries amongst us.

MASONIC ALMANACK FOR THE PROVINCE OF SUSSEX.

John Beal and Co., 1882. Brighton.

As this little almanack is published for the benefit of the Church Committee of Sussex we wish it all success, independently of our recognition of its great usefulness to the Sussex brethren and Freemasons generally. The brethren in Sussex have always formed a very distinguished body of men, zealous in the Charities and foremost in Masonic work, and we are always glad to know of their happy progress, their successful labours, and their charitable efforts.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

The publications of the various Grand Bodies, Craft and Royal Arch, in the United States, are very remarkable productions, typographically and Masonically. They are invariably admirable, and contain a vast amount of historical information. Indeed, some of them may fairly be looked upon as landmarks in the discussion and solution of abstruse points of archaeology, ritual and practice. Whether so much Masonic printing is a good thing in itself may be an open question, but it is clearly a matter which concerns our good American brethren and companions to decide for themselves. An ingenious and ingenuous friend of ours, who has always a keen eye to business, says "he should like to have all the American Masonic printing." What he can mean by such a remark perhaps our excellent friend, Ailford Mac-Calla, can, "more suo," most fully and most clearly explain. We do not profess to be able to do so.

REMINISCENCES, &c. By the REV. T. MOZLEY,

M.A., 1882. Longmans, Green and Co.

In a recent issue of the *Times* a most readable and remarkable review of this new work will have been seen doubtless by some of our brethren, and which was certain, from the ability which characterized it, to attract the attention and affect the sympathies of many readers. Indeed, it sent us to the work itself to refresh our own reminiscences of a now long past, and to place us once again in the midst of that little world of active, earnest, sentient beings, many of whom, alas! now only linger in the memories of us all, as pleasant, vivid, kindly shadows of the past. There is, however, intense difficulty for the reviewer who seeks to comment upon these striking pages in the friendly columns of the *Freemason*, for they deal with a great movement of religious thought in this country; and as all movements of religious thought give place more or less to religious controversy, there seems on the threshold to be a friendly voice forbidding us to proceed, for fear of those inevitable dangers and difficulties which attend on all who

seek to move to the right or to the left, from that one narrow straight path of perfect toleration and absolute neutrality which dominates the profession, and ought ever to distinguish the practice, of English and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. We will therefore, as we only can, treat the work as an expression of autobiographical reminiscences, which for many reasons must have deep interest for us all, and we can safely repeat the judgment of the *Times* reviewer, which pronounces this work one of the most life-like and interesting and valuable autobiographical contributions which have appeared in this our generation. And then we may also take a wider survey, and extend our remarks and criticisms. Much of the personal history revealed is to a certain extent general not sectional, cosmopolitan not national. The names of Cardinal Newman, John Keble Arnold, Archbishop Whately, Cardinal Manning, Samuel Wilberforce, J. H. Rose, Dr. Hook, and many more, belong to all time, and as Freemasonry inculcates largeness of views, and emancipates us from the dull bigotry of fanatic cries and hates, we are on our right in these peaceful and uncontroversial pages in dealing with works which give us biographical memories of the most intense interest, and bring us face to face with those who have played no inconsiderable part in the struggles and movements of the world in which we live. And so we recommend all our readers, who love biographical accuracy and revel in personal reality and identity, who wish as it were to be introduced in "propria persona," to individualities of whom they have read so much, whether favourably or unfavourably matters nothing, to peruse Mr. Mozley's life-like pages for themselves, and they will be rewarded for their industry and patience, and find their labour a very pleasant and profitable one. Indeed, of few two volume works can it be more fairly said that the writer continues to keep up the interest unflagging almost to the last. Were it not for one little mistake we think the book would be perfect, a model of what such volumes of reminiscences should be. The writer having modestly told us that he is "not much of a logician or of a metaphysician, or of a philosopher, least of all a theologian," ought not to have jeopardized the success of a very charming work by those disquisitions on abstract questions which are to be found between pages 330 and 385, which have nothing very new in them, are somewhat heavy reading, and seem to contrast markedly with the lucidity and vivacity of preceding and subsequent pages. But let our readers judge for themselves!

KINGS' BRIEFS; THEIR PURPOSES AND HISTORY. By CORNELIUS WALFORD, F.R. Hist. Soc. Printed for private circulation.

This recent work of Mr. Cornelius Walford is both very interesting and very suggestive. It touches upon a point in our social and religious history which has been too much overlooked by most of our writers. The history of briefs, or collections, is a very curious one, and the fact of Royalty intervening points to clearly the early distrust and difficulties which arose between the religious and secular authorities. Papal briefs are very old, and as regards our Order, no doubt what are called the Papal Bulls are Brieves to form a Gild to restore a church, to build a bridge or a monastery, to collect alms. Mr. Walford tells us in his very striking résumé of the history of briefs that the earliest Royal brief he has discovered is one of 1206, which King John issued, (about the only good thing he is known to have done), to collect alms for the redemption of Christian captives, a "patent of alms," and protection to the "refugees of St. Thomas of Acre." Mr. Walford says the earliest church brief which he has met with is one of 1247, from William, Bishop of Sabina, in the fourth year of Pope Innocent IV., soliciting the alms of the faithful in favour of the Hospital of St. John the Evangelist, at Cambridge, which brief was circulated abroad as well as in England. In 1303 a grant of a patent of alms was made to the Prior of the Church of Holy Trinity, Dublin, to collect alms for repairing the church. On the 14th May the same year a Royal licence was granted to the Prior and Canons of the Holy Trinity to send Bro. Henry de Cork, one of their Canons, through the kingdom to collect alms for repairing their Church and Priory. If Mr. Cornelius Walford would give us the reference to this patent, we think it would be well to publish it in its exact verbiage, as it may throw light on the work and labours of the Operative Gilds. We all of us remember the old "Queen's letter," now some time abolished, justly, we think; and most curious have been the uses and purposes to which "brieves" have been turned. On one point we cannot agree with Mr. Walford. In Yorkshire and Lancaster yet linger the "Dead Briefs," which have to do with the funerals of the working classes. Mr. Walford condemns them. We, from long acquaintance with them, cannot conscientiously do so. The expenses of the humblest funerals constitute a severe tax on the resources of the labouring man, whose weekly wages are all forestalled; and all that the dead brieves do in Yorkshire, the only one with which we are acquainted, is to find a certain sum to enable the working man to defray the expense of a funeral without having to borrow money to do so. That they may be a little abused, in the tendency to spend all they receive in entertaining their friends and neighbours is true, but the abuse does not take away the real use. And surely the working classes of this country, who are essentially reverential of old usages, are to be commended in their earnest desire to pay proper respect to their dead relatives and children. We were ourselves a member of a "dead brief" for many years, and were always glad to keep up what we venture to think (with all deference to Mr. Walford), merely for the purpose of helping our humbler friends, a good usage and a useful association.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL ARCHÆOLOGY. Vol. VII, Part III.

This is a most valuable resumé of the interesting and important labours of a most useful society, of which our esteemed Bro. W. H. Rylands is the able and esteemed Secretary. The various subjects handled and the special inscriptions explained, all have deep and lasting interest for Biblical and Egyptological scholars; and as we hail this volume with pleasure, and have perused it with much gratification, so we mention its appearance to many of our readers who, like ourselves, have realised the light which the history of the great Aryan nations must throw, when carefully studied, when honestly surveyed, alike on Biblical history and Masonic archæology.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY. Part I., Vol. VI.

This volume, edited by R. Ferguson, Esq., F.S.A., like the preceding ones, fully maintains the high character of the published transactions of this useful and important society. It is full of information for the archæologist and antiquary, the lovers of heraldic curiosities, the searchers after the Roman and Runic remains, and will, in every sense, repay study and reward perusal. We have read it ourselves with great attention and pleasure.



CHAP BOOKS.

I came across, the other day, a curious little chap book, called the "Poetic Museum," published at Warrington about 1780, and, it seems, there are many published at Manchester, Liverpool, Congleton, Preston, Warrington, Glasgow, and Edinburgh of that date. We have also seen a Masonic chap book, of Glasgow, though somewhat later, termed the "Masonic Word," and I shall be glad to know if any of my brethren have in their possession, or know of, Masonic chap books of the present or last century. "Burn's Farewell" is often found.

MASONIC BOOK COLLECTOR.

GODFREY OF VITERBO.

Can any of your readers tell me anything of the "Pantheon," a Universal Chronicle of Godfrey of Viterbo, MS. Reg. 14, xi., British Museum? Is anything like a Masonic legend there? M.S.

GERMAN BAUHUTTEN.

I am heartily glad to welcome a new contributor to your columns (we can't have too many and at present have far too few), but must nevertheless indulge in a little criticism of his communications S and G. Bauhütten still exist in Cologne, Ulm, and elsewhere, true; but are they the same thing as formerly? I am afraid not. Four years ago I spent a couple of months at Cologne and made some enquiries, and convinced myself that although they still retain the time honoured name of Bauhütten, or lodges, they are only simple workshops. The Master is no longer the companion of the Fellows; he is a contractor under the orders of the architect, superior to them in rank, wealth, education, &c., but probably infinitely beneath them in technical skill. He is, in fact, an employer of labour, a manufacturer of carved stone work, and has possibly never handled a chisel in his life. And what has become of his right to administer conjointly with his Fellows internal justice? It has disappeared like Hans Breitmann's Lager Bier; in die Ewigkeit. Let us take the following articles from the Torgau (1462) Ordinances:

39. And a Master may hold a general court in his lodge over his own Fellows, and he shall judge righteously by his oath, and not of hatred, or of friendship, or of enmity.

42. And he shall every quarter day hold a hearing of lords (*i.e.* his employers) and Craftsmen, whether any offence were, whether they have wasted their time, lived riotously, gamed or otherwise acted disorderly, whence harm might come to Wardens or Masters: that shall they make known to the Master that he may punish therefor as is meet, &c.

And in article eleven the lodge is to be kept "pure and undefiled as the seat of justice." I think "J. W. B." will agree with me that of all this no trace remains.

"J. W. B." further states that the Steinmetzen and the Steinhauer are identical, and refers you to Heimsch as proving that their meetings did not take place in the lodge but in the house of call, and were presided over not by the Master but by a Fellow Craftsman. I am ready to grant that the two trades are *now* identical, and their usages similar, but wish to point out that this was not formerly the case. As you have promised us a translation of Heimsch in the "Masonic Monthly," your readers will be able to convince themselves that these two crafts were formerly not only separate, but rivals, and even inimical. But Heimsch treats almost entirely of the Steinhauer, and as regards them "J. W. B." is right. Their meetings were held in the inn, and presided over by journeymen. The fraternity itself was composed solely of such; the Master retired from it on becoming Master, and joined the Masters' Gild. But with the stonemasons (Steinmetzen) it was different. The fraternity comprised all ranks, and the presiding officers were the Masters. A glance at any of Constitutions—1459, 1462, or 1563—will prove this; and the articles quoted above are sufficient to show that the Master not only presided, but that he had the right to invite the attendance of his employers, and that the meetings were held in the lodge itself. "J. W. B." states that after being declared free of his trade, the apprentice was called brother; and again refers to Heimsch. Now, unfortunately, although the societies of journeymen were undoubtedly called brotherhoods, the word brother is only once employed, either in the documents given by Heimsch, or in either of the Constitutions already cited. The Fellow is always addressed as "Worthy Fellow" (*ehrbarer Gesell*), never as brother.

He concludes note 8 by the remark that Freemasonry has been grafted on the old trunk of operative Masonry. If by operatives he means mediæval English builders, well and good; few will now-a-days be found to deny this assertion, but if he alludes to the "Steinmetzen" I am unable to agree with him. My reasons, however, would be too lengthy for a simple note.

His letter on "Grand Masters" (No. 9) will, however, show one small difficulty. He admits that Freemasonry had none before 1717; but the "Steinmetzen" undoubtedly possessed one under the title of "Oberster Meister" (Over Master) from 1459 to 1707, in the person of the Master of the Strassburg Lodge. In 1707 his authority was no longer acknowledged by the State, but it was submitted to by at least one German lodge, that of Rochlitz, as late as 1725, and probably as late as 1760, when Strassburg still claimed the tribute, although we do not know if successfully or not. If Freemasonry was derived from the "Steinmetzen" (there can scarcely be a doubt that it existed as a speculative branch in 1646, when Elias Ashmole was initiated at Warrington), why did we wait till 1717 before adopting the Steinmetz institution of a Grand Master? G. WM. SPETH.

RABBI LEON JAC JEHUDAH.

It has been suggested to me by an esteemed brother student that I should make this matter a little more plain, as great doubt exists as to who this person really was. His name is not easily found, nor are his works traceable. Dermott calls him the learned Rabbi, architect, and Bro. Jacob Jehudah Leon, and declares that he exhibited a model of the Temple, under a patent signed Killebrew, in the reign of King Charles II., and that he (Dermott) had seen this model, and an account of the Temple by the Rabbi Leon dedicated to that king. Dermott is to a certain extent confirmed by a MS. history of Wells Cathedral, by Peter Chyle, secretary to Bishop Mew, just about 200 years ago, who mentions "a figure of the Temple of Jerusalem, described in the preface to the Polyglott Bible;" and also, "that model of Solomon's Temple, composed by Rabbi Leon, a Jew of the Hebrew nation, which has been, and still is, common to be scene in London; and if we may believe their papers and report was seven years in contriving, making, finishing, doubtless very exact, and worth any inquisitive person's view and contemplation." This Rabbi Leon, in the preface to the English Picart, is called the learned Rabbi Leone of Modena, and is credited with the Jewish antiquities in Gaffarelli's "Curiosités Inouies." We are told that he wrote four treatises on the Tabernacle of Moses,—two in Spanish, one in Dutch, and one in English,—from 1653 to 1675, but we find so far no account of any work by him on the Temple, except the one Dermott alludes to, but which has not yet been verified. In 1725 a book was published in London, called "The Temple of Solomon," &c., as also "The Tabernacle of Moses;" and at the same time a model of the Temple was shown in London, of which the proprietor was a Chevalier Gumprecht, and the designer a Counsellor Schott, of Hamburg, with the assistance and advice of the famous architect Erasmus, and other architects and learned men, "Grævius, Fabricius, Stumius, &c." It may, therefore, be a question whether this is not the model which Dermott saw, and whether the account of the Tabernacle and of the Temple, (of which the illustrations were originally Dutch,) may not have been the works alluded to by the Rabbi Leon, translated one hundred years earlier. The account of the Tabernacle is dated 1724. But what then about the patent to exhibit the model signed Killebrew, and the account of the Temple dedicated to King Charles II.? The dedication of this translated or original work about the Temple in 1725 is to the "benevolent reader." Certain questions arise. What has become of Leon's model of the Temple? Had he a patent to exhibit it? Is there any trace of such patent in the Patent Office signed Killebrew? Or is this model the same as Chevalier Gumprecht's, or are they two models? and was Dermott in error in saying he saw Leon's model when he saw Gumprecht's? And where is the account of the Temple dedicated to King Charles II.? It has been always stated that King Charles II. was a Freemason. Does anything turn upon this fact of Leon, who, as Dermott says, certainly was also a Freemason, and the possessor of the coat of arms impaled, which we now use in our English Grand Lodge? I may add that a learned friend of mine has a panel with the same arms, carefully coloured, which came, curiously enough, from St. Albans, certainly of 17th century work. So that I hope your "benevolent readers" will also see that there are some curious points in this long-winded note.

MASONIC STUDENT.

BANQUET TO THE LORD MAYOR BY THE ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

This flourishing lodge, which numbers among its members many of the officials of the Lord Mayors Court at Guildhall, has on several occasions distinguished itself by the most generous hospitality, and it was a happy thought to invite the Junior Grand Warden of the year, the Lord Mayor, to a banquet at the Guildhall Tavern, on the evening of the ball given by the Lord Mayor to the Mayors of England. The associations of the Alliance Lodge, and the time and place, were all most fitting, and the result a most successful gathering.

An emergency meeting was called for four o'clock, at which hour there was a large muster of the brethren and visitors, the latter of whom included in their number many of the most prominent members of Grand Lodge.

The Chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bro. FRANK GREEN, C.C., who was supported by Bros. L. F. Littell, I.P.M.; H. W. Wright, S.W.; G. W. Brown, J.W.; R. J. Pawley, Registrar of the Lord Mayor's Court, Treas.; J. E. Turner, P.M.; Sec.; C. W. Bowley, S.D.; W. H. Parnell, D.C.; E. Garnet Mien, I.G.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; J. Perkins and H. Squire, Stewards; Sir J. Monckton, Town Clerk, P.M.; G. N. Johnson, P.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Major T. Davies Sewell, P.G. Stewd.; W. N. Wild, E. C. F. Fitch, H. H. Cooper, J. P. Godfrey, J. C. Whiddington, Pearce Morrison, Capt. N. J. Philips, P.G.D.; Horace Jones, City Architect, Grand Supt. of Wks.; W. H. Cannon, B. Emanuel, B. Moice, Frank S. Jackson, Deputy Registrar of the Lord Mayor's Court; and others.

Many distinguished brethren were invited to meet the Lord Mayor on the occasion, amongst whom were Bros. R. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; R. G. Harrison, Q.C., P.M., G.D.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; W. T. Howe, P.G. Pursuivant; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Sir Albert C. Woods, (*Garler*) G.D.C.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; John Messant, G.S.B.; Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Alderman Staples, Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1; W. H. R. Skey, 697; S. Green, P.M., 1445; Arnold Birch, 1298; Hon. Mark F. Napier, 165; J. B. Glen, 3; W. J. Crump, 58; W. Monckton, 1063; G. Drysdale, W.M., 222; F. Lane, S.W., 788; E. Culver, S.W., 63; Deputy Edmeston, J.W. 1635; W. H. White, 55; E. Massey, P.M., 1297; E. F. Baylis, S.W., 259; J. M. Durand, 46; Kenneth R. Montgomery, 255; A. C. Lewis, 457; Capt. Bedford Pim, P.M., 77; Major L. G. Dundas, W.M., 570; T. A. Logan, S.D., 91; Herbert J. Adams, P.M., 509; S. P. Norris, P.M., 21; P.G.S.; W. J. Collens, J.W., 766; Genge Evans, 1870; L.

Dormer, 357; J. Myers, 1735; C. Millington, F. C. Peel, 90; John Dicks, 1190; R. C. Halse, C.C., 181; D. H. Campbell, J.D., 21; G. J. W. King, 89; E. J. Baylis, S.W., 259; R. J. Ball, 209; W. Lake, P.M., 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

Lodge having been opened in due form, the ballot was opened for electing, as a joining member, the Rev. Joseph Henry Smith, P.M. 279, P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutlandshire, who had been proposed by Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell, and seconded by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.M. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Bro. Smith was elected. Subsequently Bro. Edward Thomas Rodney Wilde was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the W.M., assisted by his officers, the ceremony being admirably carried out.

About six o'clock it was announced that the Lord Mayor, attended by the Swordbearer, Bro. Alderman Staples, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, and many of the Corporate officials, had arrived; and on entering the lodge-room his lordship took his seat on the dais on the immediate right of the Worshipful Master, after exchanging a hearty greeting. The Lord Mayor was then saluted in due form as Junior Grand Warden of England, and after the transaction of some formal business, lodge was duly closed, and the company adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a "recherché" banquet was served.

At the conclusion of the repast the Worshipful Master proposed, "The Queen and the Craft," in doing which he observed that Freemasons were amongst the most loyal of her Majesty's subjects, as had recently been shown in a memorable and very interesting manner. He alluded to the deputation of Grand Officers, headed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who waited upon the Queen a short time since to present her with an address, voted unanimously at perhaps one of the greatest gatherings ever assembled at the Masonic Temple, congratulating Her Majesty upon her providential escape at the hands of a mad would-be assassin. The toast was enthusiastically received.

The toast of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been duly honoured.

The W.M. gave "The Healths of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of Grand Officers, Present and Past." After expatiating upon the valuable and efficient services rendered to the Craft by these distinguished brethren, he said on looking around the room it afforded him pleasure to observe that nearly all the brethren whose healths he asked them to drink were present. To those who had come amongst them they tendered a very hearty welcome, as they did their deepest sympathy with those who were absent. They were assembled to-day especially to greet one of the youngest of Grand Officers, the Junior Grand Warden of England. Let him assure the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the lodge, that however welcome his presence would be in any lodge, there could not by any possibility be any lodge in which he would receive a more sincere, hearty, or cordial welcome than he did in the Alliance lodge. Meeting, as they did, under the very shadow of the Guildhall, and associated as the majority of the members of this lodge were, in one shape or another, with the work of the Corporation, they could but feel it was a suitable act on their part to ask the Lord Mayor to come amongst them that evening, and the very gracious and kindly manner in which he had responded to their invitation was shown by his lordship's presence there. He thanked the other Grand Officers who had also honoured the lodge with their company on the occasion, and asked the brethren to join with him in drinking heartily to the toast he had proposed, and with which he associated the name of the name of the junior Grand Warden of England.

The Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR, who was received with great enthusiasm, said there were many distinguished positions which a man might occupy; and sometimes when he looked around him, and found with whom he was associated, he felt it somewhat difficult to respond for them. On the present occasion he felt, as Bacon expressed it, he was "young in hours"—(laughter)—and that he was surrounded by a distinguished body of officers, who for a length of time had borne the brunt and heat of the important affairs of this great Institution—the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England. When he looked around he saw near him Sir Albert Woods, who occupied so prominent a position and was so esteemed by the whole of the Brotherhood; and near him was Sir John B. Monckton and other members of Grand Lodge, with their excellent Grand Secretary, who was so zealous and ubiquitous—in fact he (the Lord Mayor) wished he was like him, for he seemed to be able at any time to be in two places at once. No sooner had he done a good office for one lodge than he was, almost before they could imagine it possible, doing a good office for another. His lordship went on to say he felt himself placed in a very distinguished position by the good offices of his friends and by the kindness and condescension of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Grand Lodge. He was also pleased to think that amongst the brethren who surrounded him, and allowed him to be their mouthpiece on this occasion, he could claim so many good and tried friends in whom, even long before he entered into the happy state of the Brotherhood, were those whom he could look upon and feel he was surrounded by good and tried men. He felt that it would have been well if the names of some of his brother Grand Officers had been associated with this toast, so that they might have spoken after him, and have dwelt with that florid eloquence which they heard in Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communications upon those useful and difficult questions which the Grand Registrar so eloquently and so conspicuously rendered to them. But on this occasion he could only say that amongst the many honours he had had poured upon him during the last few months, there were none he valued more highly than that of being appointed Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. Their Worshipful Master had referred to the deputation that recently waited upon Her Majesty and presented her with an interesting address. He believed that was the first time on which the Freemasons of England had tendered an address in person to Her Majesty, and it certainly was a very imposing and very instructive sight. Sir Albert Woods, who had seen more than any one present of the greatest ceremonials that had been exercised in the world, because he had been called upon by Her Majesty to invest the most illustrious of potentates with that much-desired appendage, the Garter, was much struck with the dignity and the imposing character of the event which afforded Her Majesty such evident satisfaction. In conclusion, his

lordship again expressed his deep sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the brethren of the Alliance Lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Visitors," said it must be a matter of great satisfaction to all to recognise the fact that the number of their visitors had so bewildered the Tyler that he was unable to present a complete record of them. Without going through the wearisome task of enumerating them all, he could not be oblivious to the fact that they were greatly honoured by the presence of so many Grand Officers, especially Bro. Giddy, the D.G.M. of Griqualand, who had discharged such important duties in Grand Lodge, and indeed in every part of the world in which it was possible for him to perform Masonic work. He also saw with pleasure the Past Grand Chaplain of England (Bro. Arnold), one of the present Senior Grand Deacons (Bro. Harrison), and the present Grand Sword Bearer (Bro. Messent), and—here he felt he was treading on rather delicate ground, because it was almost like sounding one's own trumpet, and a very powerful trumpet it was too, when he said they recognised in the person of one of the Grand Officers the presence of Bro. Horace Jones; and another, than whom none performed more important work in connection with the Craft—he referred to their excellent Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke. Reference was made to several of the Past Grand Officers who were present, and the Worshipful Master observed that before sitting down he should ask to respond, not a Grand Officer, but one who had honoured them with his company, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson. He felt that in doing so the Grand Officers would agree that he was simply doing his duty, because, as he briefly hinted just now, they were a Corporation lodge, and all the members of it were in some shape or way connected with the Corporation. Therefore he trusted they would deem it suitable if he asked on this occasion their worthy Bro. Hanson to respond.

Bro. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF HANSON, in acknowledging the compliment paid to the visitors, said it was with some surprise that he felt called upon to respond to this toast, but obedience to the Worshipful Master was one of the cardinal points of Freemasonry. He could only say they had amongst the Grand Officers many gentlemen of great ability and experience, and it was something like a question when a regiment was on parade when the inspecting officer called upon a junior subaltern to go through the drill, instead of selecting the oldest officer, in the expectation that all would be alike efficient. Whatever a man's social or official position might be, he who did the most practical work was the man called to represent when a representative was wanted. As a comparatively recent Mason, he had pleasure in responding for the visitors, though he could only repeat a great deal of what the Lord Mayor had said. He hoped, for the benefit of the great city in which they were now standing, that they would all in their respective spheres do their duty towards those whom they represented, and that this lodge, in which so many of those connected with the Corporation were interested, would continue to flourish. If it was possible for them to feel brotherly sentiment towards one particular lodge more than another, it was towards the Alliance, as it numbered amongst its members so many with whom they were associated in official life. Therefore it was with pleasure he replied on behalf of the guests, and expressed the hope that this might not be the last time they would meet under the banner of the Alliance Lodge.

Bro. L. F. LITTELL, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," alluding in felicitous terms to the ability displayed by Bro. Green in the discharge of his arduous duties as ruler of the lodge. The toast was cordially received.

The W.M. responded in a lengthy and eloquent speech, in the course of which he said he was deeply sensible of the compliment which had been paid to him. He then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," who, though few in number, were abundant in zeal. This lodge would not have met with the recognition it had done but for the good work performed by his predecessors in the chair. The Junior Grand Warden had been good enough to call his attention to his not having mentioned the President of the Board of General Purposes, but he made the omission purposely in order that he might have the gratification of proposing Sir J. B. Monckton's health in a separate toast. Sir John was one of the founders of this lodge, and was its first master. The highly important duties he discharged as President of the Board of General Purposes were known throughout the craft, and were performed in the most courteous, urbane, and able manner.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON said the circumstances which surrounded him exactly chimed in with his own fancy as to after-dinner speeches—namely, that they should be very brief. The Past Masters of this lodge were a small body, but they were able, and perhaps not altogether bad looking. They certainly embraced all that could be desired in their zeal for Masonic work, and the advancement of the interests of the Craft in general, and the Alliance Lodge in particular. It had been said that he was the venerable *pater* of the lodge, but he was not its original founder. Other brethren, who thought it desirable that they should have about the Guildhall a fraternity of this sort, had thought the matter over, and asked him to be the first Master of the lodge, to which he readily assented, and thus became one of the founders. He thanked them heartily for the cordial way in which the efforts of the two Past Masters had been appreciated and acknowledged.

"The Healths of the Officers of the Lodge" formed the next toast, a suitable reply being made by the Secretary, Bro. J. E. Turner, the proceedings were concluded with the Tyler's toast.

On Monday last the Committee of the House of Lords (the Duke of Leinster, chairman) passed the private Bill promoted by Messrs. Hewett to establish a new river-side fish market at Shadwell. The Committee, however, adopted two important clauses in the interest of the Corporation of London. One of these clauses empowers the Corporation within six months after the passing of the Bill to acquire the rights of the promoters with regard to the new market on paying them their costs of promotion. The other clause provides that, if this option be not exercised, the proprietors of the new market shall compensate the Corporation for any falling-off caused thereby in the tolls at Billingsgate.

CONSECRATION OF THE FIDELITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 1966, AT WEL-LINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The consecration of this new lodge took place at the Town Hall, on the 13th inst., Bro. Else, G.D. England and D.P. G.M. Somerset, being deputed by the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, to perform the ceremony. The D.P.G.M. was assisted by the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The brethren assembled at one o'clock, among them being Bros. Col. Adair, D.P.P.G.M.; Small, P.P.G.S.W.; Hayman, P.G.S.W.; Budge, P.P.G.J.D.; Tompsett, Past Prov. G.J.D.; E. I. Payne, P.G.T.; Batten, Past Prov. G.D.C.; Hardwick, P.G.D.C.; Floyd, P.P.G.R.; Anderson, P.G.C.; Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; Howe, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. W. Coombes, P.G.S.; J. C. Hunt, P.G. Sec.; Woodforde, P.P.G.S.W.; Nosworthy, P.P.G.O.; Rev. G. Williams, P.G.C. Devon; J. Stocker, P.G.T. Devon; Meyler, P.P.G.R.; Williams, P.P.G.D.C.; Ashley, P.P.G.J.W.; Edwards, P.P.G.J.D.; Gillard, P.P.G.J.D.; Dr. Bonn, P.P.G.O.; Boyd, Harrold, Bryant, and others.

The ceremony of consecration was preceded by the following oration by the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. G. ANDERSON, rector of Otterhampton, near Bridgwater, which was extremely well received: Worshipful D.P.G.M. and Brethren—It is with no small degree of anxiety that I enter on the task of addressing such an assemblage as the present, where so many, by eloquence and example, are qualified to do so far better than I am. As we are about to consecrate a new lodge, it may not be out of place to enquire what manner of man a Free and an Accepted Mason should be. The response of a free man, born of a free woman—"Brother to a king, fellow to a prince or to a beggar if a Mason, and found worthy"—forms a fitting text for the present occasion. The first part of the answer shows us at once how ancient our Craft is, for it points back through the long vista of by-gone days to the times of slavery. No man could be a Mason then who was not a free man, born of a free woman, lest he should bring into Masonry the hideous vices and grovelling spirit of slavery, for what slave dare to have kept intact the secrets committed to his care had they been demanded from him by a cruel and relentless master? The slave, too, given over as he was to vice of every kind, and encouraged in it to destroy the reasoning power of his mind, which, had it had free scope, would soon have raised him to the level of his master, would most surely sooner or later have contaminated those pure principles on which our Order is founded, and instead of the eye of the Great Architect of the Universe beholding our ancient mysteries with pleasure, it would soon have turned from them in wrath. The expression born of a free woman also points back to the very ancient day when Abraham made a grand feast at the weaning of Isaac. Later on, we read that Sarah, Abraham's wife, beholding Ishmael, the son of the bondswoman, teasing and perplexing her son, remonstrated with Abraham, and demanded that the bondswoman and her son be put away because such as they were could not inherit with the free born. She justly feared that the mind of Isaac might be contaminated with the slavish principles of Ishmael, it being in those remote ages well acknowledged that the minds of slaves were more debased than those of free born. It is impossible that there could be that freedom of communication between free men and slaves, which is the essence and spirit of Masonic life. Again, we are given to understand that at the building of King Solomon's Temple the Masons who were chosen for that purpose were declared free, and exempt from all duties and taxes. Later on in history we find King Cyrus set the people free to rebuild the temple destroyed by King Nebuchadnezzar, and from that epoch we bear the honoured name of Free and Accepted Masons. Surely, then, if we can prove so ancient a descent, it is the duty of every one of us to so support our Order as to hand it down to those that shall take our place in the lodge unimpaired in vigour and usefulness. At the present day we have no need to take the qualification of personal freedom into consideration, for the times of bodily slavery are over; but we must see that those who would cast in their lot with us are of good report and free from those vices which enslave the mind. I am perfectly sure that those to whom the rule and authority of this new lodge are entrusted will take ample care that none but Masons of good report are permitted to enter its door or tread its courts. It is sometimes urged against our Order that Freemasons, by abolishing human distinctions, would disorganise society and reduce it to primitive elements; but, brethren, we know far better than that. We who are in possession of its secrets know that no other existing secret institution in this country or any other possess such clearly-defined ranks and degrees, or keeps them more strictly preserved. A secret society we certainly are, but one with the highest and purest motives for our rules of conduct. My brethren, when we look around the lodge we see the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, but we know and acknowledge that they are not equal. The one could rule the lodge with despotic power, should he think it safe to do so; the others are his assistants, each with his peculiar duty to perform, beyond which he has no right to interfere. And so with the other officers. The punctual discharge of the office of Deacon become a stepping stone to the grade beyond, while the brethren on the floor are implicitly bound to obey the commands of the Worshipful Master. What is there in this that can, by the remotest possibility, be said with any truth to tend to the destruction of law and order? That destruction of law and order which sometimes threaten to come so near will never take its rise from the floor of a Masons' lodge. Our Queen has no more faithful subjects than the brethren of the Craft. We are said, in one of the ancient formularies, to meet on the level and part on the square, because all our doings are characterised by that brotherly love which smooths away difficulties and hindrances in the pursuit of our common object. In open lodge brethren as brethren are equal, whatever may be the diversity of eternal rank and circumstances; and so each cheerfully bears the burden placed on him by the Worshipful Master for the due performance of his Masonic duties. But when the lodge is closed, the labour over, the jewels laid aside, the secrets locked in the safe keeping of our hearts, we part on the square, and each returning to his own place in the world, honour is given where honour is due. In open lodge, however, the statesman, the orator, the senator,

the artist, and the man of science are taught in symbol that they, equally with others less gifted, are by nature exposed to infirmity and disease, that an unforeseen accident and sudden sickness may at any moment impair their faculties, and at once reduce them to the level of the most ignorant of their species, or if it be the will of the Most High, an instant of time may lay them in the dust. This serves as a wholesome check on the natural pride and arrogance of man; and is an inducement to cultivate courtesy of demeanour to all men. Virtue is, we acknowledge, true nobility, and wisdom the path along which virtue should be directed and conveyed to others. Wisdom and virtue combined alone mark distinction among Masons, and it is by the unremitting pursuit of them that we may hope to attain and retain that most valued of all Masonic jewels—the approval of our brethren. Were we to do only that which seemed right and good in our eyes when assembled in open lodge, how soon in place of that courtesy and brotherly kindness, which now mark our proceedings, would discord and disorder prevail? The true Mason has far higher views before his eyes than the mere gratification of self, viz., the improvement of his mind, the regulation of his passions, the government of his discourse by a tongue of good report. The highest aim of his ambition is to make due progress in the art and science of his Order, and to carry out to the very best of his ability the duties of brotherly love, relief and truth. What can possibly be more charming than to see the spirit of brotherly love not only taught, but acted on in every way. Can anything we do have a more distinct tendency to promote the glory of the Most High, and goodwill among men, and consequently bring peace on earth. We are instructed to dwell together in unity, to imitate the innocence of the lamb, and the peacefulness of the dove; to see that the head, the tongue, and the heart are united, as they should be, in one common bond, to promote each other's welfare and rejoice in each other's happiness and success, both in the Craft and the outside world, and to grieve with those whose sad lot it may be to suffer under a chastening Father's hands. Of all the arts we possess as Masons, silence or secrecy is the chief. Reticence of speech has ever been considered a proof of wisdom, and is acknowledged on all sides to be of the utmost importance in the business of life, therefore, it is justly looked upon as an art of the greatest value; and surely it is of more importance, and far more honourable, to learn how to hold our peace than it is to excel in the art of making words convey meanings which in themselves they do not possess. The Great Architect of the Universe, the wisest of beings, has seen fit to conceal from us mortals the secrets of His providence; and we, in all reverence, following His example, keep our mysteries from the careless gaze of an unsympathising world. In our Charities, however, we display to all men the beauty of brotherly love and relief. There are always opportunities for exercising them in the way most agreeable to ourselves and the benefit of the Craft in general. If not out of order, brethren, I would here mention that there is an intention to raise a Masonic memorial at the West of England Sanatorium, and as doubtless many of you are well aware an appeal has gone forth from the Worshipful Master of St. Kew Lodge, Weston-super-Mare, for funds to carry out this purpose. The memorial will take the form of some architectural adornment on the completion of that institution, whether external or internal will depend on the response made by the brethren. The Sanatorium has been a blessing to many, who obtain there those invigorating health-giving breezes they are unable to obtain for themselves elsewhere; and, doubtless, many of our sick and distressed brethren will reap the benefit of the institution in the time to come, if they have not done so in the past. Worshipful Master designate, Wardens, and brethren of this new lodge, I hope and trust that Masonry will increase in this place, that the eye of the Great Architect of the Universe will behold with favour all your undertakings, and that the lodge will grow and show that life and vigour which we have every reason to expect from those under whose fostering care it takes its rise. The W.M. designate will, without doubt, perform his duties in the way described in the old Saxon lines—

“The first article of good Masonry Shows that the Master must surely be Both steadfast, trusty, and also true; His place he then shall never rue. He must neither, for love nor dread Of neither party to take head; Whether he lord or fellow be, Of him to take no kind of fee; But as a judge to stand upright, And then his conduct will be bright.”

And then the conduct of the brethren following in his steps will be bright also.

The consecration having been completed, the D.P.G.M. proceeded to instal Bro. the Rev. Prebendary Knowling, M.A., as W.M. of the new lodge. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Col. Adair, I.P.M.; Rev. F. W. Raban, S.W.; F. T. Elworthy, J.W.; A. Pratt, Sec.; R. J. F. S. Knowling, R.N., S.D.; H. G. Crowe, J.D.; and T. Handford, I.G.

After business the members adjourned to the Squirrel Hotel, where they partook of a cold collation. Bro. the Rev. Preb. Knowling presided, and there were about seventy brethren present. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Society of Antiquaries, held last week at their rooms in Burlington-house, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon in the chair, three papers were read; the first by Mr. H. Moore Westropp, on a bronze statuette; the second by M. Camille De la Croix, on some “Gallo-Roman Discoveries in Poitou;” and the last a narrative of the opening of some Romano-British cists at Patricbourne, near Canterbury, by Mr. George Payne. There were exhibited some fine specimens of Roman and British pottery, and a bell which was formerly used at Crickhowell, in South Wales, before funerals and in parish processions. The director of the society, Mr. Milman, read and commented on some curious deeds of the reign of Henry I., &c., illustrative of feudal customs, mostly in connection with the borough of Burton, Staffordshire, and the Castle of Tutbury; and Lord Carnarvon laid before the meeting the results of his own intervention in the House of Lords in mitigation of the evils which would naturally arise from the proposed Bill for sweeping away several of the City churches.



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UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above banner lodge took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, and was, without doubt, one of the most pleasant and enjoyable that has occurred in this ancient and historical lodge for some time past. Bro. H. S. Syer, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and others: Bros. N. Brown, I.P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; R. Smith, S.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; G. R. Davis, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Masters, S.D.; W. Akers, J.D.; W. Bidgood, Org.; A. Cleal, I.G.; W. Holleyman, S.W., W.M. elect 1563; J. H. Roberts, J.W. 700; J. Stear, 1536; H. Strickland, 169; J. James, 382 (U.S.C.); and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

The lodge having been opened and the usual business transacted, Bro. Hill was passed to the Second Degree in excellent style by the W.M. The election for W.M. was then proceeded with, and Bro. Jas. Hosgood, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Hutton was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lackland, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel of the usual value was then unanimously accorded to Bro. Syer for the good service rendered the lodge during the past year, and that brother returned thanks. Various sums were then voted to the Charities, and the lodge was closed in due form.

At the social board the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and then Bro. Brown rose to propose “The Health of the W.M.” He said as this would be his (the W.M.'s) last appearance at the social board as the head of the lodge, he would ask them specially to mark their sense of the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of Master during the past twelve months, by drinking the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved. They were not only surprised but gratified at his good working, while the harmony of the lodge had, under his lead, been once again cemented and brought to a sound and safe footing.

The W.M. in reply, said he could only again thank them. It had given him a great amount of pleasure to preside over the destinies of their ancient and venerable Union Waterloo Lodge. There had been a good number of good men and worthy Masons who had gone before him through that chair, and there was, he was happy to say, good men to follow. He thought at one time that the lodge would go down, and would never again be the Union Waterloo of old, and a good many others thought so too, but he now believed it had a long and honourable future before it, and he gave credit to one and all for that result. Nothing could be more in accordance with good Masonic feeling than what had occurred that night in the election of W.M. They had seen with what an excellent spirit the S.W. gave way to one who held the same position last year, and who now, by their vote would at their next meeting occupy the chair he (the W.M.) now sat in, and that good spirit would, he felt sure, animate them all to keep up that harmony and good feeling without which no lodge could prosper. He had two good candidates to propose, and he would be happy to do all he could to assist Bro. Hosgood to make his year of office a pleasant and prosperous one.

The next toast proposed was that of “The Past Masters,” and in reply, Bro. Brown said he was always at their service, and would do all he could at any time for the benefit of the lodge. Bro. Hutton felt that every one must be pleased at what had occurred that night, and gave great praise to the W.M. for his excellent management of the lodge. Bro. Hodgkinson and Davies also responded.

The W.M. then proposed “The W.M. elect,” and called upon Bro. Smith, S.W., to say a few words. Bro. Smith said in ordinary course of events it would be supposed that he was the aggrieved party, but he wanted to remove that impression if it prevailed at all. He trusted he was good enough Mason to know that it mattered not when he got to the chair, so much that he did get there some time or another. If he had done his duty to them, and they appreciated it, the rest he would leave to time and their kindness. He could fairly say that he had never asked for office, but if their coming W.M. had sufficient confidence in him to give him office, he and they might depend upon having the duties of their office carried out to the utmost.

The W.M. elect in returning thanks, said he should always endeavour to do his duty in such a manner as to be worthy of the splendid Masonic feeling so admirably shown that night. Bros. Hollyman, Jolly, and others, responded for “The Visitors,” and after “The Officers” had been toasted, the Tyler, according to ancient custom, closed the proceedings, which had been of a most cordial and harmonious character throughout.

LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—

The election meeting of this, one of the most successful of all the numerous prosperous lodges in the Province of Middlesex, was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion-square, Thames-street, Hampton. Bro. James William Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer 1423, P.Z. 73, &c., &c., W.M. presided. Punctually at half-past three o'clock p.m., he opened the lodge. There were present, assisting him, Bros. Henry Gloster, P.M. 1531, S.W., W.M. elect; D. Steinhauer, J.W.; E. Gilbert, P.M., Treasurer; Walters, Secretary; J. J. Marsh, S.D.; F. Knight, J.D.; W. R. Vassila, I.G.; Henry Potter, P.M. 11, W.S.; J. Lawrence, Organist; S. Page, Steward; John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex; Tyler; W. Hammond, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M.; E. Gilbert, P.M.; E. Mallett, P.M. 141, Sec. 1623; and other Past Masters. The lay members in attendance were Bros. William Walters, David George Akhurst, William Henry Walters, David Amos Akhurst, W. Stanton, G. Teideman, T. Tuleit, A. H. Macqueen, W. B. Smith, H. T. Mapleston, J. Smith, C. W. Baker, W. R. Smith, W. Born, A. A. Ward, G. Smith, G. S. Streeton, J. H. Ewen, J. T. Adams, Bowley, R. Annear, E. H. Boucher, W. Kite, Colin Holley, W. Blakeley, J. Boyce, J. Burchill, S. Corson, J. Cavell, Crout, Prattent, Pooley, C. Paulson, Russell, A. Rolington, Simpson, Sprules, Tozer, White-man, White, Williams, Walters, Walker, Wickens,

McNaughten, E. Larking, J. M. Jennings, T. James, Hayes, and very many others whose names we were unable to ascertain. Strange to say, in a lodge which as a rule always has a large number of visitors, only one attended this meeting, Bro. W. R. Cooper, 1056. There was a very heavy amount of work on the agenda paper. The veteran and Secretary, although in enfeebled health, did his portion of the work by reading his long and elaborated minutes of the previous lodge meeting, held on Saturday, the 20th ult., which were unanimously confirmed and signed by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Baldwin. He then read letters of apology from Bros. M. Mildred, M.C., and C. Graham, C.S., excusing and regretting their non-attendance, which was caused by circumstances entirely beyond their own control. Two other members were selected to fill their places, and carry out the duties of those offices during their absence at this lodge meeting.

The ballots taken for Bros. W. Nichols, and H. E. A. D'Arcy, to become joining members of this lodge, was declared to be unanimous in favour of their admission. On being informed of their admission and election they thanked the members for their having been elected unanimously, and the cordial manner in which they were received as members of this lodge. The ballots taken separately for Messrs. Edward Henry Boutcher, Charles John Akhurst, and James Robinson were declared to be unanimous in favour of their admission as candidates for initiation, and to become members of this lodge. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Messrs. H. R. Grove, H. J. Chamberlain, J. W. Smith and Alfred Samson, candidates for initiation. The W.M., Bro. James William Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1423, &c., commenced the work by initiating Mr. Edward Boutcher into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. From the strict attention which the candidate gave to the ceremony it proved how ably and impressively that solemn work had been done by the W.M. Bros. George Teideman, Thomas Tuleit, William Kite, William Walters, David Amos Akhurst, and William Henry Walters were impressively passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft Freemason. Bro. David G. Akhurst was raised. The necessary letter from the W.M. (1056), Victoria Lodge, having been read sanctioning and authorising the Third Degree to be conferred upon Bro. W. R. Cooper, 1056, he (Bro. Cooper) being in attendance was introduced and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, which completed nine repetitions of these degrees, viz.: one initiation, six passings and two raisings. Never has it been our lot, after nearly thirty years experience and an attendance of over eight thousand meetings, to witness work better done than what it was by the W.M. There was a fluency, a clear bell ring in its delivery, which showed the perfectness of the workman, accompanied by a soul-devoted earnestness, a thorough impressiveness, and a perfection of ritual so seldom obtained by any one, and the correct demeanour and respectful attention of all present, which made those not engaged in the active duties of the lodge enjoy an intellectual treat in witnessing the work of the W.M. The officers were worthy of such a good, well-tryed W.M. All their working was admirable. It would be invidious to mention any one's name, all were perfect in their parts and honourable to their W.M. May work be done as well everywhere else as it was done here is our earnest wish. Although the W.M. had done the ceremonies nine times no traces of distress or fatigue were visible; he seemed to be quite fresh and well able to repeat his work had he been called upon to do so. To show and prove how well all his services to this lodge in particular, and Masonry in general, are appreciated by every member of this lodge, after a notice of motion had been given at the previous lodge meeting, held May 20th, the same having appeared on two sets of lodge summonses, the Secretary, without making any speech, but contenting himself with reading out his notice of motion as printed on the lodge summons, and making it a proposition, which was instantly seconded by the S.D., and unanimously resolved, that a ten guinea Past Master's jewel be given to the W.M., Bro. James William Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, for his efficient services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. In addition to which, during his year of office the lodge from its funds purchased and presented to him a Life Governorship of the Royal Benevolent Institution; also, to perpetuate his name, the other Life Governorship of the Benevolent Institution purchased from the lodge funds had his name attached to it. All these facts prove in what high estimation he is held in this, his mother lodge. Never was a lodge more proud of its child than what the Lebanon Lodge is so justly proud of their W.M. The Secretary, an experienced old Mason, truthfully said of the W.M. that in every part in Masonry he had shown himself to be a thorough good Mason. He had done all he could for the Masonic Charities—being a Life Governor to the whole four, and had served as Steward at least six or seven times. Every portion of his work he had done in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark, and as a rule installed his successors. To the distressed Mason who sought his assistance, with discrimination he helped with a liberal hand. It is only fair to add he vacated the chair and left the lodge-room whilst his jewel was being proposed. It is the first ten guinea Past Master's jewel voted from the lodge funds to any Past Master; seven guineas was the usual amount voted. Bro. Henry Arthur Dubois, P.P.G.P. J.W. Middx., P.M. 1326, tendered his resignation of membership of the lodge, which was, on motion made by Secretary, accepted with very great and deep regret. The Secretary having read aloud the bye-laws of the lodge, Bro. William Stanton, one of the oldest members, having given some good sound friendly advice on the bye-laws in particular, and other subjects of interest to the lodge, the election took place for the office of W.M. Bro. Henry Gloster P.M. 1531, S.W., was almost unanimously elected, there being but three votes recorded for the J.W. This was caused by a misapprehension of those members who thought the S.W.'s health was too delicate to do the work effectually of W.M. We were very pleased to find that although the S.W. had been exceedingly ill he had taken a turn for the better, and was now in a fair way of recovery. He will make the third initiate of this lodge (when installed) who has filled the chair, his predecessors being Bros. John B. Shackleton, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M. of this lodge and P.M. 1524, now residing in Australia, and the present W.M. It was hoped, and the wish expressed, that he, like his predecessors, might be selected for Provincial Grand honours, he having been recommended for the same by the unanimous wish of the lodge. Should his health be re-established great things are expected of him during his Mastership.

The election of Treasurer was unanimous in favour of Bro. E. Gilbert, P.M., Treas. It was incidentally mentioned that that was the third time, three days running, where Bro. Edwin Gilbert had been unanimously elected Treasurer.

The Secretary mentioned he was present on the evening previous at the West Smithfield Mark Lodge, when Bro. E. Gilbert was unanimously elected Treasurer. Bro. Gilbert had been unanimously elected Treasurer of an angling society. Those acts showed how popular that brother really was. He certainly is the right man in the right place, and is recommended for Provincial Grand Lodge honours. Bro. E. Gilbert is a Past Steward and Life Governor of all the Charities.

Bro. John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The auditors were Bros. W. Stanton, A. J. Rogers, and H. E. A. D'Arcy, the audit being appointed to be held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith, on Thursday, July 13th, at five o'clock. Some names were given into the Secretary for joining members and candidates for initiation. Some important notices of motion were given to alter the bye-laws. The lodge was then closed, after having been opened for nearly five hours. After the members had for about half an hour enjoyed a stroll on the banks of the Thames, refreshment was served. The cold collation reflected great credit on the worthy host, Bro. W. Ballard, who, as usual with him, attended personally on the members, making one and all comfortable and happy. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Some excellent songs were given by Bros. E. Mallett, H. E. A. D'Arcy, J. J. Marsh, and others. The brethren separated loathe to part, but happy to meet again; and after so much work, we hope to enjoy "Tired nature's sweet restorer—balmy sleep."

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—A successful meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. Clarke's hostelry, the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, on the 21st inst. Lodge was opened by W. Bro. G. T. Linn, W.M., who was numerously supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. G. B. Smith, S.W.; W. Stapleton, J.W.; J. Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; Dr. Chas. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec. (whom we were gratified to see in the lodge again, after a long and severe illness); H. Doring, S.D.; J. Morrison, J.D.; W. Mackey, Org.; W. Raiker, I.G.; W. J. Millington, I.P.M.; J. Delves, P.M.; G. Fisher, P.M.; C. Searrell, P.M., Stwd.; D. Hodges, P.M.; G. Tame, C. McLeod, W. Job, W. McGuire, R. J. Perry, E. E. Deacon, T. L. Klein, S. G. Marsh, G. Martin, D. Smith, G. Turton, E. Stoneham, R. Howes, J. Tuppeny, W. Clark, J. Smith, W. Shearman, J. Bell, S. Hill, J. P. Laurie, B. Haigh, W. Williamson, G. Mortleman, R. J. Pitt, R. Parkinson, H. Milton, G. Withey, G. N. Beel, Dr. Cross, and others. Visitors: Bros. S. G. Bonner, 1278; J. Waters, 217; J. Ward, 431; G. Coote, 1278; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*); and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Geo. A. Saunders, and proving favourable, that gentleman was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of the Order in grand style. Bro. J. Tuppeny was next tested, and proving proficient, was entrusted and ably passed to the Degree of F.C. Of the candidates for the Third Degree only Bro. R. Parkinson was in attendance, and after giving satisfactory proofs, was entrusted for the Sublime Degree. Lodge was advanced, and the W.M. raised Bro. Parkinson in a deeply impressive manner, being well supported throughout by the officers of the lodge. Great effect was added to the ceremonies by the appropriate music introduced by the Organist, Bro. Mackey. The brethren appeared in mourning for the late-esteemed Bro. Edwin Brown, whose loss was generally deplored. A letter was received from Bro. Bennett, P.M., thanking the lodge for the support recently given to his candidature for the benefits of the R.M.B.I., when, although unsuccessful, he succeeded in polling 509 votes. Another letter was read from the wife of a brother made in the Brazils, detailing specially distressed circumstances, and the application for assistance was entertained, and an amount voted from the lodge funds. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next regular meeting, and lodge was closed after an eminently successful evening had been passed.

The brethren at once sat down to a substantial repast, well-served under the direction of Bro. Clark. At the conclusion of this part of the evening's proceedings, and at a somewhat advanced hour, Bro. Linn gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured by the brethren.

Bro. Millington gave "The Health of the W.M." The brethren had seen how the W.M. had gone through what he would call an arduous night's work, and would agree with him he had got through it well.

The W.M. rose to thank the brethren sincerely for the kind manner in which the toast had been received. He was only sorry he could not fully express what he felt. As regards his working, he had done his best, and if he had pleased them he felt pleased himself. He (Bro. Linn) had said from the first moment he had joined the Corinthian Lodge, that if ever he arrived at the chair he would do his utmost to give satisfaction, and having done so, he felt greatly indebted to the Past Masters of the lodge for their valuable assistance, both in the lodge and at the lodge of instruction. He felt greatly indebted to Bros. Millington, Delves (the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction), and Carnaby. Bro. Linn concluded by assuring the lodge that so long as they gave him plenty of work, he would always be ready and willing to do it for the good of the Corinthian Lodge.

The next toast Bro. Linn said was a most pleasing one in any lodge, and they felt it especially so in the Corinthian Lodge. In Bro. Saunders they had, he hoped and believed, a worthy man and Mason, and he asked the brethren to give him the usual Corinthian honours.

Bro. Saunders said he was not a great speech maker, but he felt only too pleased to find himself there that evening among the brethren, and hoped he would live to become a creditable member amongst them.

"The Past Masters" were next toasted, Bro. Linn making an earnest appeal on behalf of Bro. J. Delves, P.M., who was acting as Steward for the Boys' Festival, on Wednesday next, and desired to take up a good list, and one worthy of 1882. The W.M. also alluded to the kind services of the I.P.M., Bro. Millington, who responded, testifying to the pleasure with which all the Past Masters rendered any assistance in their power.

Bro. Delves, P.M., also replied, and dwelt upon the claims of the Boys' School, for which he appealed for further support. The lodge had generously given fifty guineas upon his list, and he desired to take up a list worthy of the Corinthian Lodge, and one which would go a long way towards making the lodge a Vice-Patron of the Institution they were supporting.

The response to the appeal was most gratifying and munificent, for upon Bro. C. Searrell, P.M., going round the table on behalf of Bro. Delves' list, a further sum of nearly £30 was added to the considerable amount already subscribed.

"The Visitors" were next toasted; and responded to by Bro. Bonner, 1278, who had experienced the hospitality of the lodge so frequently that he almost felt in his mother lodge. Indeed, he thought before long he should become a member of the lodge.

Bros. Waters, Ward, and Stephens also returned thanks for the hearty reception they had received.

The W.M. gave the toasts of "The Officers of the Lodge, and the Press." Bros. Smith and Stapleton having replied as to the pleasure they took in the performance of their duties as Wardens, and appreciation of the cordial reception which the toast had met with, Bro. G. H. Stephens also briefly acknowledged the honour done him. The brethren must all agree that the fact of the brethren responding to the claims of charity in so ready and munificent a manner spoke very strongly of the manner in which the beautiful Masonic Virtue, Charity, had been instilled into the hearts of the brethren. He felt it an additional honour to be connected with the Corinthian Lodge, as he had recently been by being elected an honorary member, when he found beyond the good working and harmony which existed, there was practised that virtue which, upon the highest authority, is known to cover a multitude of sins. He trusted it would ever distinguish the Corinthian Lodge in its future as it had marked its past career. The Tyler's toast was next given by our old friend Bro. P.M. Shyles, and a meeting, unmarred by anything but pleasure, came to a happy conclusion.

MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE (No. 1900).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 20th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel. Bro. William H. Dean, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. G. P. Festa, S.W. and W.M. elect; F. R. W. Hedges, J.W.; J. D. Collier, Sec.; H. J. Capon, S.D.; H. Slyman, J.D.; W. H. Gardener, I.G.; S. Brooks, D.C.; W. H. Staff, Org.; E. M. Doble, Steward; and the other lay members of the lodge. Visitor: Bro. H. J. Watts, W.M. 63 and P.M. 1201.

Bro. Pratt was passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Pike, Stacey, and Henwood were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order.

The W.M. gave notice of motion that he would propose at the next regular lodge meeting that a lodge of instruction be held under the sanction of the lodge. He (the W.M.) tendered his best thanks to the brethren for the handsome and most liberal manner in which they had supported him as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 10th May last, enabling him to take up the large sum of £129 3s. 6d.

Letters of apology and regret were then read from R. W. Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.D., and P.G.M. Dorset, and several other brethren, expressing their regret and inability to attend.

The lodge was shortly after closed, and the brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably presided over by the W.M., and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. N. Green, W.M.; A. McDowall, S.W.; G. C. Matthews, J.W.; W. McDougall, Treas.; W. C. Claridge, Sec.; A. Haig Brown, J.D.; A. H. Sandle, I.G.; W. J. Tasman, M.C.; L. V. Walker, Stwd.; J. D. McAlpin, H. F. Bing, C. G. Brown, S. W. Fraser, J. Geen, J. C. Tilt, R. H. Tayton, G. Gregory, E. Woodley Smith, H. H. Nuding, and J. Lackland, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Rowley, 1924; F. J. Chambers, 1589; G. Hasilden, 534; B. J. Jesse, 1536; R. A. Hancock, 1928; and H. Nuding, J.W. 140.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. F. J. Chambers, 1589, was duly raised to the Third Degree. Bros. Tilt, Geen, Tayton, Gregory and Smith were raised to the Second Degree, after which the ballot was taken for the following gentlemen, viz.: Messrs. Wm. George Lowe, George James Staning, Cecil Stein, Edward Beard and Henry Lewis Thomas, and being pronounced in their favour they were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The W.M., who was unfortunately suffering from indisposition, was very ably assisted by Bro. A. McDowall, S.W., P.M. 948, who worked the ceremony of the Third Degree, and Bro. F. F. Bing (a founder), W.M. 1597, who worked the ceremony of the Second Degree.

The report of the bye-laws having been submitted by the Secretary, was received and adopted, the bye-laws as proposed being unanimously approved of by the brethren. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

At a late hour the brethren partook of supper, after which the usual toasts were proposed and drunk, including that of "The Initiates," who suitably acknowledged the same. The brethren separated shortly before eleven o'clock.

BOLTON.—Antiquity Lodge (No. 146).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshaw-gate. Present: Bros. George Taylor, W.M.; R. Duxbury, S.W.; H. Broughton, J.W.; W. Nicholson, Prov. G.S.B., Treas.; John Morris, P.M., Sec.; John F. Skelton, S.D.; J. Gallo-way, J.D.; John Wild, P.M., D.C.; N. Tyldesley, as I.G.; T. Higson, Tyler; Thomas Collins, P.M.; and W. Comber. Visitor: G. P. Brockbank, Prov. S.G.D.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. James Newton, P.M. 37, Hon. Mem. 146, offered, through the Secretary, his manuscript history of the lodge from its formation, with lists of its members and officers, on condition of its being published by the lodge for the use of the members and the Craft generally.

Bro. Brockbank addressed the brethren, earnestly desiring the lodge to accept the offer and publish the work, so ably edited and compiled by Bro. Newton, which contained so many interesting records of the past, and evincing as it did the great interest the early members took in the prosperity of ancient Masonry, and how diligently and efficiently they performed the manifold duties imposed upon them. He stated that "deputations" were given to this lodge's officers to consecrate, or open, four lodges in Lancashire under the ancient institutions, notably his mother lodge, 303, now 221, of which he had written and published a history from all the facts at his command, and in the compilation of which he was much indebted for a perusal of the old records of this lodge; which gave a well written and lucid account of the consecration of the lodge now meeting at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, as well as of a lodge at Wigan—Antiquity, 178—of which a very excellent and readable account has been written by Bro. Joseph Brown, Secretary, and published by Bro. Platt, of Wigan; also of a lodge at Chorley, but this lodge ceased to exist soon after 1832; together with the details of opening a lodge at Blackburn, which now meets at Littleborough—Benevolence, 226—and this was the last warrant granted to Lancashire by the Ancients' Grand Lodge. These facts would show that Antiquity Lodge, 146, had done rare service in the past, and he hoped the members of the future would emulate their good work.

Bro. Wm. Morris, the Secretary, undertook to bring the matter before the notice of the brethren at their next meeting, when he expected a more numerous attendance.

Bro. William Nicholson, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, received the congratulations of the brethren on his appointment to office.

Bro. Thomas Higson who was elected on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as an annuitant in May last, warmly expressed his thankfulness for the interest taken by the brethren in obtaining assistance to secure his election, and his gratitude to the Craft generally, in providing for himself and other aged Masons, the means of subsisting in comfort in "the decline of years." "Hearty Good Wishes" having been expressed from the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, one Grand Lodge of Scotland and other lodges, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—The Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—The members of this most deservedly popular lodge, which has for so many years been recognised as worthy of a chief place in the long roll of Lancashire Masonic fraternities, held a meeting of an especially interesting character, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Bro. J. Alexander W.M., presided, and amongst others present were Bros. H. B. Jones, I.P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M.; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; R. Washington, P.M.; T. Birch, P.M.; H. Horspool, S.W.; E. J. Callow, J.W.; R. Velland, P.M., Treas.; T. Marsh, Secretary; Thomas Carr, S.D.; R. Bethel, J.D.; E. W. Boulding, I.G.; Joseph Skeaf, Organist; F. E. Boustead, S.; C. Hardern, S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. E. Baldwin, E. Sephton, C. Hardacre, M. Alexander, D. Critchley, J. Cave, and M. Yeomans. The visitors included Bros. W. Curtis, 1035; J. H. Tyson, J. D. 1182; H. Knight, P.M. 1325; W. Rumble, 1035; T. Davis, P.M. 1182; and J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treasurer, 1009.

The business of the lodge consisted of the First and Second Degrees, and at the close it was resolved to institute a Fund of Benevolence in connection with the Temple Lodge, the full staff of officers being appointed a Committee to carry out the preliminary arrangements.

The brethren subsequently dined together, and during the evening the Worshipful Master, in the name of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. H. B. Jones, the I.P.M., with a solid silver table service, enclosed in a very handsome case, which bears an appropriate inscription. The presentation was received by Bro. Jones on behalf of his wife, an interesting event having occurred in his family during his year of office. The "silver cradle" gift was acknowledged by Bro. Jones in happy terms. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in the course of the evening, and the entertainment was greatly enhanced by the vocal and histrionic efforts of Bro. Dr. Johnson and others.

UPTON.—Upton Lodge (No. 1227).—This successful lodge held its regular meeting on the 15th inst., at the Spotted Dog, Essex. There was a large attendance, as follows: Bros. Adolphus Clark, W.M.; R. Pearcey, S.W.; W. Serjeant, J.W.; G. W. Rowe, Sec.; G. Geiseke, S.D.; D. Legg, J.D.; M. Sherwin, Org.; J. Stroud, Steward; A. W. Fenner, I.P.M.; B. Picking, P.M.; J. Andrews, P.M.; T. E. Horley, J. G. Englehardt, G. W. Hickinbocham, W. Roberts, J. Webb, J. Grover, A. Austin, J. Jones, J. Dawson, W. Lane, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. B. Ford, 180; J. Taylor, S.D. 554; A. W. Ellingford, W.M. 834; J. D. Simmonds, 72; R. Defriez, W.S. 1093; G. H. Stephens, 1382, and S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*); and others.

Lodge was promptly opened and the minutes submitted and confirmed. The business on the agenda paper consisted of an initiation and three raisings. In due course the ballot box was brought into requisition, and proved favourable to the admission of Mr. Joseph Welch into the order. Bro. Clark accordingly admitted that gentleman with becoming impressions into the mysteries of the Craft. Bros. J. G. Englehardt and Wm. Roberts were raised to the Sublime Degree. On lodge being resumed the brethren discussed at length the report of the Summer Banquet Committee, and eventually the recommendation of the Committee was unanimously agreed upon and adopted. The final decision of the brethren for the annual trip, when the ladies will join the party, is to go to Hallford on the first Wednesday in July. Bro. G. W. Rowe, Hon. Sec. 179, Clarence-road, Lower Clapton, E., will be happy to supply information &c., to brethren who would like to join the Upton brethren. "Hearty Good Wishes" were given, and lodge was formally closed.

After a long and tedious wait, while the lodge-room was transformed into a banqueting-room, the brethren sat down to a seasonable repast, at the conclusion of which, Bro. Clark, W.M., said the hour was so far advanced as to have less than an hour to honour the usual toasts; they must, therefore, get through what business they had to do in as rapid a manner as possible, and he hoped all would make their speeches short. "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of English

Freemasons," and "The Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past," were respectively honoured.

Bro. Fenner, I.P.M. (whom we were pleased to see sufficiently recovered to be present), gave in appreciative term "The Health of Bro. Clark, the W.M."

The W.M. replied, and said he was sincerely obliged for the kind way the I.P.M. had proposed his health, and the brethren had received the same. It was his object to do his duty and to give every brother in the lodge every satisfaction, as far as was possible. It was also his intention to serve as a Steward at the next festival for the Old People, and he gave the brethren timely notice, so that he might lose none of their support when the proper time arrived.

"The Initiate" was next toasted; the W.M. stating he had had the honour of initiating one or more each meeting night, and he found it a pleasurable duty, especially when the new blood introduced had been of so satisfactory a character. He had great pleasure in feeling that they had received good and perfectly straightforward men in their ranks, and asked the brethren to drink to the health of Bro. Welch.

This was enthusiastically done; and Bro. Welch briefly said: Brothers, I am very pleased with the way you have received me this evening, and beg to be excused making any further speech. Some other occasion perhaps I shall have the opportunity of making one longer.

"The Visitors" were next toasted. The W.M. said the Upton brethren were always pleased to welcome their guests, and if they were not able to give them such sumptuous banquets as they would like to do, still they offered what they themselves partook of with a hearty welcome. He (Bro. Clark) could not help thinking, from the fact of some of the visitors honouring them two and three times recently, that their efforts to please had met with success. Several of the brethren had been compelled to leave, amongst them their old friend, Bro. Ellingford, W.M. 834, so he would associate the toast with the name of Bro. Stephens.

Bro. Stephens suitably responded on behalf of "The Visitors," as also, by request, did Bro. J. Taylor, S.D., 554, who testified to the hospitality of the lodge, which he had several times experienced, and would be happy to do so again as often as he received an invitation.

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Fenner, I.P.M., whom they all felt pleased to see among them again. Bro. Clark recognised the value to the W.M. in the chair of the Past Masters, those of the Upton Lodge fully maintaining the character usually ascribed to Past Masters.

Bro. Fenner ably replied for himself and the other Past Masters.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" were then toasted. Bro. Clark remarked that they would all agree they had a Treasurer and Secretary hard to beat. They both were hardworking, painstaking officers, and he felt it would be impossible to get better officers to fill those positions. The W.M., therefore, asked the brethren to acknowledge the toast by a hearty and cordial reception.

Bro. Wayland, who had just arrived, having returned his thanks, Bro. Rowe also expressed himself grateful for the way the toast had been honoured. If ever they had a Secretary possessing greater ability than himself, he would yield to none in the desire to promote to the utmost the welfare of the Upton Lodge.

"The Officers" were next honoured in appreciative terms, the W.M. expressing himself gratified at the manner in which he was supported and had the work of the lodge done.

Bro. Pearcey returned thanks, adding it gave him great pleasure to respond to this toast as their S.W., as he felt the brethren appreciated the way in which the officers carried out their duties.

The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Bowler, and after a short interval devoted to harmony, the brethren separated in good time, having passed an enjoyable evening.

WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250).—The members of this flourishing lodge celebrated their thirteenth anniversary on Tuesday, the 13th inst., in their rooms, Sankey-street. There was a large and distinguished gathering present on the occasion. Routine business commenced at three o'clock, the centre of interest being the induction of Bro. Thomas Hutchinson into the chair of K.S., and the appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year; the following being the principal office-bearers: Bros. Wallhead, I.P.M.; W. Taylor, S.W.; W. H. Jenkins, J.W.; W. Richardson, P.M., Treas.; D. W. Finney, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C. W. Lanc., Sec.; J. O'Brien, S.D.; W. Bolton, J.D.; R. Heaton, I.G.; and Domville, Tyler.

At the conclusion of lodge work, Bro. Wallhead, I.P.M., was presented with a valuable and chaste gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year.

The banquet took place at the Lion Hotel, when the newly-appointed W.M. was supported right and left by a great array of Freemasons of the province. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The viands were seasonable, the wines choice, the cooking perfection, and the waiting successful.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The yearly celebration of the St. John's Festival in connection with the "Hamer," a name which is still remembered with kindly and truly fraternal feeling in West Lancashire, invariably attracts a large attendance, and the annual recurring merry meeting, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 15th inst., was as numerous and influentially attended as any of its predecessors. The extensive alterations going on in the old portion of the building rather interfered with the comfort of those who were present, but putting on the best face possible, members and visitors alike seemed determined to do the best under the circumstances, and enjoy a meeting which was full of so much interest. The large gathering of the afternoon clearly demonstrated that the Hamer Lodge has lost none of its popularity, and so long as it has associated with it names of brethren whose labour in the art have only been properly rewarded by the honours they have received, there is little likelihood that the name of James Hamer will suffer in connection with a lodge which is meant to perpetuate his name.

The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. Pilling, the retiring W.M., and amongst those who gave him active support and cordial countenance were Bros. John Hamilton, P.P.G. Reg.; Evans, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Jackson, P.P.G.D.C.; J. McCarthy, P.M.; T. Sammons, P.M.; Leeson, P.M.; W. C. Erwin, P.M.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Washington, P.G.S.D., and others.

The ceremony of installing Bro. R. J. Leftwich Kynaston as the W.M. of the Hamer Lodge for the coming year was impressively performed by Bro. James Pilling, whose working was of the best quality.

The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Pilling, I.P.M.; W. H. Jewitt, S.W.; M. Callaghan, J.W.; Walter C. Erwin, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Smith, sen., Sec.; T. Pierrepont, S.D.; R. L. Stockton, J.D.; J. Tomlin, I.G.; W. T. Oversby, F. A. Rainbow, T. F. Airey, and P. Porter, Stwds.; T. Sammons, P.M., M.C.; Walter Burnett, Org.; and M. Williamson, Tyler.

During the after-banquet proceedings, at which Bro. Kynaston presided, a valuable Past Master's jewel and gold chain were presented to Bro. J. Pilling, in recognition of his services to the lodge.

TEDDINGTON.—Felix Lodge (No. 1494).—A numerous meeting of the members of this lodge and visiting brethren was held on the 7th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. A. C. Hunter. Present: Bros. Belward, W.M.; Hunter, S.W.; Cooper, J.W.; Rose, S.D.; Clowes, J.D.; and Hughes, I.G. Past Masters, Bros. Grabham, P.P.G.S.W. Sec.; Knyvett, Past Grand Steward, Treas.; F. B. Archer, and T. Searancke Archer. Visitors: Bros. Bolton, P.M. 259, Past Grand Steward; Lilley, P.M. 12; Stidolph, P.P.G.O. Essex; Campbell, 217; Fletcher, 96; and others.

After the ceremony of raising two brethren by the W.M., Bro. Knyvett, P.M., then took the chair, and in his usual able and efficient manner installed Bro. Hunter as W.M. for the ensuing year; and after the appointment of his officers &c., Bro. F. B. Archer, P.M., then rose, and on behalf of the lodge presented to Bro. Grabham, Secretary, a splendid gold watch, accompanied by the following beautiful illuminated address, both of which has been subscribed for by the members of the lodge.

"Dear Bro. Grabham,—We, the following members of the Felix Lodge, having heard, with regret, that after last lodge meeting your presentation watch was stolen, gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of testifying to the high esteem in which you are held among us, both for your personal worth and by reason of the deep interest you have shown in the welfare of the lodge from its foundation, in which you took an important part, to the present moment of its established prosperity, as the first Master of the Felix Lodge, filling the chair a second time, and now for some years as its Secretary, you have discharged the duties with the highest zeal and efficiency, while your services to Freemasonry in general were, we were glad to see, duly recognised by your Provincial Grand Master. Accept this watch, with our best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity, and may the Craft long number among its votaries as worthy and zealous Masons as yourself (here follow the names of the members.) To Bro. Edward Bartlett Grabham, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex."

Bro. Graham, in responding, said: W.M., Past Master Archer, and brethren of the Felix Lodge—In returning thanks for the valuable testimonial with which you have just presented me, I frankly confess my inability to acknowledge in suitable terms my appreciation of your kind partiality, friendship, and brotherly good feeling, not a little enhanced by the kind and expressive manner in which it has been presented by our Bro. Past Master Archer. I can assure you, brethren, that I accept this handsome watch, together with the beautiful illuminated address which accompanies the gift, with the warmest feelings of gratitude and a full sense of the honour conferred upon me; for I am fully persuaded that it is characterised by true and sincere Masonic feeling. But, at the same time, I feel satisfied that you would not have conferred this distinction upon me if you thought I had not studied to deserve it. It is a practical commentary on the elementary principles of our Masonic Fraternity, demonstrating that brotherly love can do even more than justice to the objects of its regard. For my own part, I am free to confess that I have been ambitious to acquire your good opinion, and endeavoured to promote the welfare of the lodge, and uphold the high position it now occupies in the Craft. During the time the lodge has been in existence I have the pride and satisfaction of stating that this is the third time I have had the pleasure of appearing before you to thank you for favours received at your hands. In 1875 you presented me with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of your approval of my conduct as your first W.M. In 1879 I was again, presented with the Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden's jewel of this province, in recognition of my services for the second time as your Master; and for the third time I have now again to thank you for this further mark of your generosity. This valuable watch I shall ever consider as one of the proudest treasures I possess, and I do assure you that after such a manifestation of your kindness, I feel the greatest difficulty to find adequate terms to convey to you the keen sense of my gratitude and thanks which are so justly due to the members of the lodge. Through every circumstance of my future life this memorial of your kindness will daily bring to my recollection that good feeling you have always shown towards me, and remind me of the regard and esteem I have the good fortune to hold in the estimation of my brethren in the Felix Lodge; and not only so, it will, I trust, act as a powerful incentive to use increased diligence in performing the duties of Secretary, so as to maintain and secure the continuance of your approbation so long as successive Masters may be pleased to continue me in the office which with so much pleasure to myself I now occupy.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, genially presided over by the W.M., Bro. Hunter, who gave the usual Masonic toasts.

Bro. Belward, the I.P.M., was then presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his past services.

Bro. Belward responded in a very happy speech, and Bro. Bolton, Past Grand Steward, P.M. 259, and Bro. Joyce Murray, W.M. 1706, having responded to the toast of "The Visitors," the few remaining toasts followed, after which the brethren separated, having had a very successful meeting.

INSTRUCTION.

SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).—Despite the attractions of outdoor enjoyments, the members of this prosperous lodge assembled in goodly numbers at the Three Nun's Hotel, Aldgate, on Monday, 19th inst. Bro. J. S. Fraser occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Haslip, S.W.; F. Brown, P.M., J.W.; H. J. Cane, Sec., as S.D.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Preceptor; W. Fraser, I.G.; also Bros. Sewell, T. Jones, Brown, J. West, G. H. Stephens, &c. Lodge was duly opened, the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Webb was questioned and entrusted, and lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Brown, candidate. The W.M. also introduced the traditional history into the ceremony. Bro. Webb, the Preceptor, next worked the First and Third Sections of the lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was carefully closed down, and Bro. Haslip was unanimously elected W.M. for next lodge meeting, on the 26th inst., when the monthly meeting of the excellent Benevolent Association will also be held. All business being ended lodge was closed.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—This lodge met as usual at Bro. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, E. Bro. Job, W.M. 1076, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Jones, P.M., S.W.; H. Marks, J.W.; G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec., as S.D.; J. Taylor, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; W. Yetton, P.M., Treas; also Bros. B. Cundick, P.M.; T. Loane, A. Furness and others.

Lodge was opened with all usual formalities, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced and Bro. Taylor questioned, and on lodge being opened the ceremony of raising was most ably worked. Bro. Taylor next worked the Second and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Stephens, Secretary, read a letter of condolence he had written in the name of the lodge to our respected Bro. Barnes, P.M., and the same was, on the proposition of Bro. Musto, P.M., seconded by Bro. Yetton, P.M., duly approved and adopted. Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and an instructive meeting was duly closed, and the lodge adjourned.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Friday evening, the 16th inst. The attendance of members on this occasion was not so large as usual, but a good evening's work afforded useful instruction to those present, amongst whom were Bros. J. Bute, W.M.; H. M. Williams, S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; B. H. Phillips, S.D.; A. Blank, J.D.; J. W. Watts, P.M., I.G.; J. S. Terry, P.M., Sec; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; and others.

Lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and proof of proficiency given by candidate for raising. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony, with traditional history was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was then closed down to the First Degree for discussion on points of ritual, and was subsequently closed in due form.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—The regular meeting of the above old lodge was held at Bro. A. Walter's comfortable hostelry, Green Dragon, Stepney E. on Tuesday last. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and the necessary preliminaries having been duly observed, the ceremony of raising was worked, Bros. Evans being Deacon and Walter candidate. Bro. Prince was next tested, and afterwards the second ceremony was ably rendered. Lodge was resumed and Bro. Taylor, W.M., made up a good evening's work by working the First and Second Sections of the First Lecture, the brethren giving able assistance. Among those present were Bros. J. Taylor, W.M.; A. W. Ellingford (W.M., 834), S.W.; Harper, J.W.; W. Evans (W.M., 1260), Deacon; W. Hawes, I.G.; also Bro. A. Walter; G. Price; J. Andrews, P.M. Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, Acting Secretary, and others. Bro. Ellingford was appointed W.M. for Tuesday next, and lodge was closed in harmony.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—This lodge met as usual at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday last, the 12th inst. Bros. Smyth, W.M.; Catling, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; Corble, S.D.; Christian, J.D.; Hammond, I.G.; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; W. H. Wallington, P.M. Preceptor; Jones, A. Clark, Wardell, Brasted, Bunker, Loring, Darnell, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and after usual formalities Bro. A. Clark was tested as to his proficiency and entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing was well worked. Bro. Christian gave the explanatory lecture on the tracing board, of which the First Section of the Lecture was worked from the chair, the brethren assisting. The ceremonies of opening up the lodge and closing down were carefully practised. Bro. Catling was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and all business being harmoniously ended, lodge was closed and adjourned until the 20th at eight o'clock.

Another meeting of this lodge took place on the 20th inst., at the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. Catling was W.M., assisted by Bros. Edwards, S.W.; Glass, J.W.; Smyth, Treas.; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; Christian, S.D.; Corble, J.D.; A. J. Clark, I.G.; W. H. Wallington, Preceptor; Brasted, Woodall, Jones, Bunker, Gosling, H. Forss, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and minutes read. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Bunker was questioned and entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of the Third Degree worked. Lodge was called off, and on resumption of Masonic duty Bro. Forss worked the Second, and Bro. Christian the Third Section of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. Edwards was elected as W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and lodge was closed.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-street, Limehouse. Bro. E. H. Rolfe presided, and was supported as follows: Bros. W. Hancock, W.M. 1259, S.W.; G. H. Stephens, J.W.; J. R. Waller, P.M., S.D.; L. Etting, I.G.; R. Atkins, P.M., Preceptor; Wakefield, Hudson, and others;

We were sorry to note the unavoidable absence of Bro. Buchan, P.M., Sec., in consequence of severe domestic affliction. After due formalities lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was practised in opening up and closing down, which was very carefully performed; after which the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Wakefield candidate. Bro. Hancock was next elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and a highly-instructive meeting ended in due form. This lodge meets in a snug and comfortable room, and well deserves a visit.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1282).—A successful meeting of the above lodge was held at the comfortable quarters George Hotel, Cubit Town, E., on Tuesday last. Present: Bros. G. T. Limn, W.M.; S. G. Bonner, S.W.; Clark, J.W.; J. Delves, P.M., Preceptor; J. Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; C. Searrell, P.M., the indefatigable Hon. Sec.; Doring, S.D.; Richelman, J.D.; Vines, I.G.; Millington, P.M.; Bell, Sparkinson, G. Smith, W. Parker, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Graveley, S.W. 898; Smith, 87; and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read. Bro. McLeod was subsequently questioned and entrusted, and on lodge being advanced the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. McLeod, candidate. Bros. Graveley, S.W. 898, and Smith, 87, were duly elected members; and all Masonic business being harmoniously disposed of, lodge was closed and adjourned until the 27th inst.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—This lodge met, as usual, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Bro. Richardson's, Royal Edward Tavern, Marcstreet, Hackney. Bro. Dignam, W.M. 1524, presided, there being also present Bros. Olley, S.W.; Diamond, Hon. Sec.; J.W.; Fieldwick, P.M., Deacon; Hart, I.G.; and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and minutes read. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hart was questioned and entrusted, and on lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Hart being the candidate. Lodge was closed down in the several Degrees, and Bro. Olley was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. All business being ended, lodge was solemnly closed. Brethren seeking instruction are sure of a cordial welcome should they pay this lodge a visit any Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock.

WANDERERS' LODGE (No. 1604).—At the meeting held on Wednesday, at the Black Horse Tavern, 62, York-street, Buckingham-gate, Bro. W. Sheffield was W.M., supported by Bros. Duncan, S.W.; Gibson, J.W.; Wray, P.M. Preceptor; Harris, Treasurer; G. Musson, Secretary; Brindley, S.D.; E. Nathan, J.D.; L. Nathan, I.G.; Folson, and Davison. Visitors: Bros. S. G. Bonner, 1278; Hudspeth, 1604.

Lodge was formally opened, minutes read, and the ceremony of initiation worked, Bro. Folson, candidate. Bro. Davison was next tested and entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing was also ably worked. Bro. Preceptor Wray worked the First Section of the Lecture, the brethren assisting.

Bros. Bonner, 1278, and Hudspeth, 1604, were duly admitted members of the lodge, and returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Sheffield for the able fulfilment of the duties of the chair for the first time in the lodge. Bro. S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and lodge was closed in harmony.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—This prosperous lodge met, as usual, on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Edwin Moss, W.M.; J. W. Hiscox, S.W.; C. J. Smith, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; J. Laurence, Sec.; H. K. Clisby, S.D.; F. Freeman, J.D.; J. F. Rumball, I.G.; J. F. Gaudin, P. H. Clisby, G. F. Goodenough, G. H. Stephens, W. Smyth, H. Duncher, Tyler; and L. C. Haslip, W.M. 813, as a visitor.

After complying with usual formalities, Bro. Goodenough was questioned and entrusted, and lodge was duly advanced. The ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Goodenough being the candidate. The working of Bro. Moss on this occasion was very impressive, and the junior offices were ably filled by several young members of the mother lodge, which is at all times most gratifying to witness. Bro. Stephens, by request, worked the three Sections of the Lecture, the brethren lending able assistance. Bro. Haslip was elected a member, and Bro. Hiscox was elected W.M. for the first Monday in July, the intervening Monday being at the disposal of the Preceptor. Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the 26th inst.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—This lodge met as usual at Bro. A. Yates', Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday last. Present: Bros. Maud, W.M.; A. Jones, S.W.; Hubbert, J.W.; Hammond, S.D.; A. Peterken, J.D.; Oxley, I.G.; D. Moss, acting Preceptor; B. Stewart, Hon. Sec.; C. Kendall, and others.

Lodge was opened with all due formalities, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Kendall was questioned and afterwards was candidate, and the ceremony of passing was worked. Bro. Stewart worked the First Section of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. Bro. Moss in feeling terms moved that a letter of condolence be written to Bro. Barnes, on account of the heavy loss he has sustained by the death of his wife. This was seconded by Bro. Hubbert and carried with unanimity. Nothing else offering for the benefit of the Craft, lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday next, at eight o'clock.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., when Bro. Money took the chair, supported by Bros. Vialls, S.W.; Shaw, J.W.; Tanqueray, S.D.; Pocock, J.D.; Stoddart, I.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; J. D. Langton, Sec.; and others.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the lodge opened up to the Third Degree and resumed in the Second, when Bro. Garland acting as candidate answered

the usual questions, and the lodge being resumed in the Third Degree he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. After a call off the lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the Second Section of the First Lecture in an admirable manner. The W.M. then rose for the first time, Bro. Vialls being unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which the W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the lodge closed in perfect harmony. We must congratulate this lodge of instruction in possessing such a Preceptor as Bro. Sudlow, who by his profound knowledge of the Craft, and kind manner in correcting errors, makes it a pleasure for any brother to work under him.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—This lodge met, as usual, on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Geo. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Present: Bros. H. Baldwin, W.M.; G. Millen, S.W.; H. Goodwin, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; H. M. Williams, Sec.; G. W. Knight, S.D.; R. R. Johnstone, J.D.; J. Perry, I.G.; John A. Danks, W. Millen, G. Monk, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. W. Millen as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and regularly closed down to the First Degree.

The Secretary proposed, the Treasurer seconded, and it was resolved unanimously, that Bro. John A. Danks, 1669, be elected a member. Bro. Danks suitably responded, likewise Bro. Monk, who was elected at the previous meeting. Bro. G. Millen was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

WEST KENT CHAPTER (No. 1297).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on Saturday, the 10th inst. There were present: Comps. Robert H. Crowden, M.E.Z.; E. W. Grabham, acting H.; C. Atkins, acting J.; J. C. Woodrow, S.E.; Thos. Perrin, S.N.; B. Fullwood, P.S.; Jas. Crowden, Assist. Soj.; Church, Janitor; and others. Apologies were tendered on the part of Comp. J. K. Stead, who was very seriously ill, preventing the attendance of his father, Bro. H. D. Stead, for exaltation; also from Bro. Jenkins, who was unable to be present. Comp. Lake was also unwell and absent. Bro. Lavington being in attendance, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by the M.E.Z., Comp. R. H. Crowden, and the ceremony seemed to leave a great impression on the mind of the exalte.

The companions then adjourned to a very nicely served banquet, when the usual toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z., and duly responded to.

The exalte, in a neat speech, expressed the pleasure he had in joining a chapter where such perfect unanimity existed, and where all the offices were filled in such an efficient manner.

Feelings of sympathy were expressed for the illness of Comp. J. K. Stead, and Scribe E. was desired to express the same to the worthy J. Regret was also greatly felt at the absence of Comp. W. Lake.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—The last meeting for the session of 1881 and 1882 was held on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and the occasion being one of more than usual importance, it drew together a large number of Royal Arch Masons, to show by their presence the interest they felt in the cause that had drawn them together. The ceremony of exaltation was worked as usual, the Principals and officers being as follow: Comps. Lardner, Z.; J. S. Fraser, H.; Webb, J.; F. Brown, S.E.; W. H. Postans, S.N.; W. Fraser, P.S.; Bentley Haynes, candidate, and the rest of the companions were Comps. N. Loveland, G. J. Herts; J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G.S.E. Hants; Lilley, Abel, Cull, M'Donall, Pounceby, Mickley, Veal, Chicken, Rowe, Daniel, Dottridge, G. Darcy, G. Brown, Grabham, H. Halford, Henry Darcy, and Thompson, P.M., P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

The ceremony of exaltation was gone through in a most painstaking manner, and there appeared to be a desire on the part of all to make this a meeting that should be remembered. At the conclusion of the ceremony,

The M.E.Z. (Comp. Lardner) said that a most important duty then devolved upon him as Chairman at that, the last meeting of the session—to present a testimonial to Comp. Brown, their Preceptor, as a token of their sincere regard. The notion had originated with himself about seven weeks ago, which was readily taken up by the companions, and he (Comp. Lardner) must say that having communicated with many of the companions, in every case he had received a satisfactory response, accompanied by letters most cordially approving of the proposition for presenting Comp. Brown with a suitable testimonial. The Committee had met and agreed to purchase such a testimonial as they hoped would be satisfactory to him and also to the subscribers, which they presented to Comp. Brown as a mark of their respect and esteem for his zeal and ability in furthering the interests of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, wishing him long life and happiness to enjoy the esteem of those companions who had so largely benefited by his instruction.

The testimonial was then uncovered, which consisted of a very handsome clock, with two side ornaments. The centre of the clock-stand bore the following inscription: "Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. Presented to Comp. F. Brown by the members of the chapter as a recognition of his valuable services, and for the zeal and energy he had displayed in maintaining its interests as Preceptor. June, 1882."

Comp. Brown, in acknowledging the gift, said he hardly knew what words to use to express his feelings for the kind remarks which had fallen from the M.E.Z., although he was not usually bashful in giving utterance to them. When he joined the chapter, four or five years ago, he did not

know much about the ceremony, and he felt anxious to know more fully about it; and he might say that from the time he joined he had never been absent for more than two meetings. When he joined the chapter there was but a very small attendance, and Comp. Boyd, and one or two others used to attend occasionally to give them instruction. It was then that he had learned the ritual, and he also learned the manner in which he could deliver it the most impressively. He took a liking to do the ritual, and pursued it in a manner that he might almost call an infatuation, for he threw aside the Craft and made it his most complete study. In the course of time the companions called upon him to give them instruction, and by some means or other that he did not then recollect, he acceded to their desires, and became the Preceptor of the chapter. Since then the chapter had increased in numbers, and the attendance had so far increased that for the last three years the average attendance at each meeting had been sixteen. He was gratified to find that the chapter was progressing so satisfactorily, and was glad that the work that was done there was appreciated by the companions. As far as his abilities were concerned, and his love for the Royal Arch, it would be an inducement for him to come there to continue his duties; but there was a much greater inducement to him to do so, as he thereby became acquainted with very many worthy Masons, but amongst all who attended there was not one whom he could not number amongst his friends. His reward, therefore, was priceless; for to engage the friendship of his fellow men was of a value beyond price, and would be an incentive to him as long as he lived to continue and be with them, and he should always consider that on every Tuesday evening he was pledged to be in his place at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. When, on his return home, he saw the handsome testimonial before him, and he gazed on the face of the clock, his wife would know that he had been amongst men engaged in a good cause, and he was quite sure she would then never murmur at his absence. He heartily thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions, which had been endorsed by the companions, and he must say that he never met with anything but kindness from them. He wished them all health and happiness, and as that was their last meeting for the session, when they met again in October he trusted that their future meetings would be as successful and happy as they had been in the past. He added, what he had omitted to state before, that during the last three years they had been enabled to contribute twenty-one guineas to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

The M.E.Z. said there was a balance standing over of the subscriptions, which it was suggested should be placed in the hands of Comp. Brown to present some little testimonial to Mrs. Brown.

Comp. H. Thompson moved the thanks of the chapter to Comp. Lardner and the other members of the Committee engaged in getting up the testimonial, which was seconded and unanimously agreed to.

Comp. Lardner returned thanks, and the proceedings, which throughout were of a highly gratifying description, were brought to a close.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held last Saturday at the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. William P. Collins, R.W.M., in the chair. The other brethren were Bros. Nathaniel J. F. Bassett, S.W.; Geo. Yaxley, J.W.; W. Carlton Hale, M.O.; J. K. Pitt, S.O.; W. Johnson, J.O.; Alfred Williams, P.R.W.M.; Robert Berridge, Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M. Sec.; Thos. W. Simons, J.D.; M. Mildred, D.C.; W. H. Bale, Steward; A. Mead, I.G.; Leonard Davis, Alex. Allan, R. L. Meyer, J. B. Scott, Don. M. Dewar, Asst. G. Sec., Old Kent T.I.; W. Lake, P.M. 78, P.P.G. Reg.; and H. Massey, P.M. 22, *Freemason*.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reception of the Auditor's report, Bros. R. A. Meyer, No. 34, and F. B. Scott, No. 1575, were balloted for, and then advanced by the W.M. to the Degree of Mark Mason. Bro. Donald M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

Bro. G. Ward Verry, P.M. and Secretary, afterwards installed Bro. Nathaniel J. F. Bassett, as Master for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. W. P. Collins, I.P.M.; G. Yaxley, S.W.; W. C. Hale, J.W., P.P.G.S.E. Middx. and Surrey; J. K. Pitt, M.O.; W. Johnston, S.O.; T. A. De Leliva, J.O.; R. Berridge, P.M. Treas.; G. Ward Verry, Sec.; T. W. Simons, R.M.; R. P. Spice, S.D.; A. Mead, J.D.; J. Manwaring, I.G.; M. Mildred, Org.; W. H. Bale, Steward; F. Davies, D.C.; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler.

Bro. Verry then delivered the charges, having performed all the work in admirable style. Bros. Mildred and Manwaring took the office of Stewards for the lodge at the next festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which is to be held at the Crystal Palace on the 19th July, and two guineas were voted from the lodge funds to his list. The W.M. mentioned that the lodge had been honoured by the appointment of Bro. Robert Berridge by the Grand Master, as Past Grand Master Overseer. Before the lodge was closed the W.M. presented to Bro. Collins, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel. Accompanying the presentation was some complimentary remarks on the way in which he had performed the work of the lodge during the past year. Bro. Collins assured the brethren, in accepting the gift, that he felt a deep interest in the lodge, and his exertions had been made in that direction. Those exertions would always be used, and he trusted that all the brethren would make similar efforts.

The lodge was then closed, and a choice banquet was partaken of. The usual toasts followed. Bro. Don M. Dewar responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and expressed the pleasure he felt at being elected an honorary member of the lodge.

Bro. Collins, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." That brother had the power to govern the lodge, the power to support the lodge, and the power to attract other members to it. He had shown himself one of the foremost members of the Craft, and was well known to all the brethren.

The W.M., in reply, hoped that at the end of his year he would be able to give a good report, and that the bre-

thren would approve of what he had done. He then proposed "The Newly-Advanced Brethren."

Bro. Meyer, in reply, said it was always a pleasure to him to be associated with old friends, and two of those friends of his were Bros. Williams and Mildred, both of whom were excellent Masons, whose example he was anxious to follow. If he did so he was sure the brethren would not regret having received him amongst them. He had been deeply impressed with the ceremony, which differed from that of the Craft; but if he compared them he was as deeply impressed with one as the other. He hoped to make progress in the Order, and some day to occupy the distinguished position of W.M. and P.M.

Bro. Scott also replied. The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s," whom he complimented on what they had done for the lodge, mentioning specifically Bros. Collins, Alfred Williams, and Verry.

Bro. Collins replied, and in feeling terms alluded to the death of Bro. Meggy, who had been with the lodge so many years, and who had merited the best regards of the brethren.

Bro. Alfred Williams, Treasurer, also replied, and hoped the endeavours they were now making would lead to the success of the lodge, so that the balance would not only be units. The brethren could easily conduce to the success of the lodge by recommending it to their brethren. The lodge really was a success; the brethren always enjoyed themselves very much. For himself he believed in the social element as contributing to the success of Freemasonry, for, in truth, a man's heart was open when his stomach was full. If he found that a brother who had done good to Freemasonry had come to grief, he gave a mite from his pocket for his relief, and the Mark Degree was famous for the assistance it so rendered. On the General Board they took care always that no applicant went away unrelieved, and it was always done in a private way. Moreover, they gave him such a sum as would set him up, and be of use to him; not a mere pound or two, but £25, £40, or £50 to start him again, and rescue him from the position into which he had fallen. They had also an education fund, out of which Mark Masons were enabled to have their children educated in their own localities.

Bros. Berridge and Verry also replied. The W.M. gave "The Installing Master." Bro. Verry replied, and said he should endeavour to continue to do the installation work in a way which would meet with the approbation of the brethren. He referred particularly to the improved balance-sheet. That evening they had taken a larger sum of money than had ever been taken at one meeting of the lodge. He felt convinced that the lodge had in it all the elements of success, as far as he could see, at the present moment.

Bro. Dewar replied for "The Visitors," and was very glad that this was the last time he should be in that category, as he was now a member of the lodge.

Bro. W. Lake, P. Prov. G. Reg. Cornwall, also replied. Bro. Yaxley, S.W., replied to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge;" after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. A most delightful evening, in which music and singing bore an important part, was spent by the brethren.

Rosicrucian Society.

WIGAN.—Lancashire College.—The members of this college held their meeting at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when the following officers were at their respective posts: R.W. Frater Thomas Entwistle, Hon. IX°, Chief Adept; G. P. Brockbank, Hon. IX°, Suffragan; W. A. Byrom, V°, Celebrant; Frater James Horrocks, V°, 1st Antient; Arthur Middleton, V°, 2nd Antient; J. H. Hoffgaard, V°, 3rd Antient; W. A. Byrom, IV°, 4th Antient; A. H. Crossley, IV°, Conductor of Novices; Reginald Young, III°, Torch Bearer; J. T. Richardson, II°, Medallist; and J. D. Murray, V°, Sec. to the College. There was a good attendance of the fratres, including J. H. Jeffers, W. J. Thomson, T. Morris, W. M. Wyld, and W. Dean.

The candidates for admission into the College were Bros. Frank A. Huet, 1009; Joseph M. Kerr, 730; W. H. Horrocks, 1354; F. C. Thorburn, 447; R. G. Brook, 1384. The ceremony was ably performed by V. W. Frater, W. A. Byrom Celebrant, assisted by two officers—Frater Reginald Young acquitted himself of the pleasing duty of presenting to the R. W. Frater Thomas Entwistle, and to R. W. Frater G. P. Brockbank the jewel of the Hon. IX° in the name of the College, and expressed a wish, which was heartily endorsed by all present, that they might both be long spared to preside over the College. In responding, the R.W. Fraters both expressed their desire to further the interests of the College during their lifetime.

Frater J. D. Murray, Dep. Celebrant, having served the office of Sec. for three years, was unanimously elected as Celebrant for the ensuing year. The business of the College being concluded, the Fratres adjourned to the banqueting-room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The next meeting of the College will be held at the Masonic Hall, Manchester, in October.

New South Wales.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, SYDNEY (No. 1552, E.C.)—There was a numerously-attended meeting of the members of this lodge on the 9th March last, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Charles Solomon. Lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for two candidates and one affiliating member, which proved unanimously in favour of their admission. One candidate being in attendance was initiated by Bro. Mitchell, P.M., and this had peculiar significance, the candidate being his son. Need we say the ceremony was performed eloquently and meritoriously, the charge being impressively given by the W.M.

Bro. Gustavus Gabriel P.M., in an appropriate speech, presented Bro. Mitchell, who is about to leave for England, with a beautifully inscribed address, bound in blue

morocco, and silver lettering, illuminated on vellum. The presentation inscription was as follows:—

"Lodge Tranquillity, No. 1552, E.C.
"Masonic Hall, York-street, Sydney, N.S.W.
"March 9th, 1882.

"Worshipful Brother M. D. Mitchell, P.M., D.G.R. Dear Sir and Wor. Brother,—On this, the eve of your departure for Europe, we, on behalf of ourselves and the brethren of this lodge, desire to express the feelings of respect and esteem entertained towards you as one of its founders and twice its W.M. We sincerely wish you a pleasant and prosperous voyage, and pray that T.G.A.O.T.U. may spare you to return in safety to your family and the many friends you are now leaving, and remain, dear sir and worshipful brother,

"Yours fraternally,
"CHAS. SOLOMON, W.M.
"GUSTAVUS GABRIEL, P.M.
"ALFRED BRICKWOOD, S.W.
"LEOPOLD BARNETT, J.W.
"I. L. ISAACS, M.M.
"F. ARONSON, M.M."

Bro. Mitchell in response thanked the Master, Officers, and brethren of the Lodge for this tribute of their esteem, believing that it was given with the best wishes and heartfelt fraternal regard for the zeal and devotion he had and hoped ever to retain for this lodge, he having been its first master; also for the courtesy and consideration that he had always received from its members. Although he was to leave them for a time, he hoped that with the assistance of T.G.A.O.T.U. shortly to return and mingle again with the brethren of Tranquillity Lodge.

Bro. I. L. Isaacs and Bro. R. Bretnall, were elected auditors, and propositions and other routine business being over, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The customary toasts, loyal and Masonic, were drunk with enthusiasm. Several musical brethren having contributed to the general harmony, the W.M. proposed their health, for which Bro. Harper, P.M., responded.

The Deputy D.G.M. W. Bro. Westcott, the D.G. Treas. W. Bro. Webster, W. Bro. Dr. De Vine, and a number of Grand Lodge Officers and W.M.'s of other lodges attended as a mark of respect to Bro. Mitchell, who had always upheld the dignity of Freemasonry, and at the same time was graced by the amenities which befit a gentleman.

Bro. Mitchell was evidently affected by the friendship and brotherhood extended to him, and in the well-known words of Rip Van Winkle, wished all present, "good health, their families good health, and that they might live long and prosper," and thus ended a most pleasing incident (although tinged with regret) in the history of the Lodge of Tranquillity.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. FRANCIS QUIN, 32°

The remains of the late Bro. Francis Quin were, on Monday, June 19th, interred at Mount Jerome with Masonic honours. The deceased was organist of the Grand Rose Croix Chapter of Ireland, Past Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama and Grand Lodge of Illinois, U.S.A., and, probably, no member of the order was better known to the brethren, or more universally and deservedly respected. Bro. Quin was a member of the musical profession, in which he held a deservedly high position. Originally initiated in 1849, he has at various times been a member of several lodges, including 9, 14, 50, 137 G.M.L., and at the time of his death was Secretary of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 27, and of the P.G. Rose Croix Chapter No. 5. He had been the founder of the Masonic Glee Club. His wish—expressed shortly before his death—that he should be laid in the grave with Masonic honours, was only conveyed to the Craft late on Saturday, but the time, though short, was amply sufficient to insure a large muster of the brethren—representative not alone of the ancient Craft Masonry, but of those higher orders and degrees to which the deceased had been so worthily admitted, and of which he was for many years a bright ornament. There were also present, to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory, many friends outside the order, for all who knew the late Mr. Quin, loved him for his manly, straightforward, and Christian qualities. The chief mourners were—Messrs. Henry Quin (brother), John Baker, Thomas Fry, Keith Hallows, W. Millar, J. F. Madden, and Dr. Cameron. When the cortege reached the cemetery, the Masonic brethren present assumed their regalia (jewels being craped), and formed in line to the right and left of the avenue from the main entrance, towards the mortuary chapel—first the Grand Officers of the Rose Croix, and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, according to seniority; next the members of the Prince Masons, Chapter No. 5 (of which the deceased was secretary); next the officers and members of the Abercorn Lodge (of which Mr. Quin was secretary), and then the officers and members of other lodges. As the coffin was drawn towards the chapel, the officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge fell into the funeral train and took their places as pall-bearers, viz:—The Hon. Judge Townsend, LL.D.; Robert W. Shekleton, O.C., J.P.; Lieutenant-Colonel A. Vesey Davoren, J.P.; Dr. George Johnston, the Right Hon. and Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath; Alderman George Moyers, LL.D., J.P.; Harry Hodges; Dr. John T. Banks, W.J.C. Crawley, LL.D.; Samuel B. Oldham, and Archibald St. George, and about three hundred brethren.

The funeral service was read by the Rev. Canon Peacocke (of whose church at Monkstone Bro. Quin had been Organist), assisted by Rev. Bro. Dr. Walsh, and the coffin—which was literally covered with wreaths of flowers, including a most beautiful Masonic cross, sent by the Secretary of the 31°—having been lowered into the grave, each brother threw the sprig of acacia which he had carried throughout on top, and

The Hon. Judge TOWNSEND, addressing those present (with evident emotion), said: Brethren of the Rose Croix Degree, our obligations and our duty to the dead have brought us here to pay due respect to the memory of a man well known amongst us for his eminent professional skill, much approved for his Masonic zeal and labour, and much respected in his social and domestic conduct. We have

now discharged the last offices of brotherhood and loving kindness to one who was long united to us by very close ties, who has now passed from the labours of this life into the more immediate presence of God. Now, you are well aware that we of the Fraternity of the Rose Croix were bound to attend his remains to their last resting-place, having received due warning to that effect. Masonic ceremonial could not be used at all on such an occasion save at the special desire of him whose obsequies we were called to attend. Thus, our departed friend desired to be laid in the grave as a Mason, and by our fraternal hands. But as no ceremonial has ever been ordained by due authority in our degree for such occasions in this country, I could but invite you to join me in the simple discharge of our duty as we have just done it; and I thank you for having assisted me in it. It has been well said that all animosities and grudges and unreconciled differences among Masons cease at the dark river of death over which our brother has gone. If any brother here hath suffered wrong at the hands of him whose lips can no longer utter words of regret or make atonement; if any brother had felt towards him dislike, ill-will, or jealousy, I do by this holy symbol of the Rosy Cross adjure him, and the pale, cold lips do eloquently entreat him to forgive the wrong and to cast away the animosity for ever, that our Father who is in Heaven may forgive him his debts and trespasses, as he forgives those of his dead brother. Our brother has lived and toiled and passed into the light that lies beyond the darkness of death. He has done with the sorrows, disappointments, and struggles of life. If those, our once familiar companions, who lie in these graves about us, should now hear the voice of our Master and theirs, and stand forth once again amongst us, could they give us tidings more important or warnings more thrilling than was spoken eighteen centuries ago—"Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh?" They, our brethren, this, our brother, all shall live again. Let their good deeds be remembered, that we may imitate them. Let their faults and errors be forgiven as we would that ours should be; for they were but men, as we are. Watch and pray. Brethren, the duty we owe to the dead is performed. The grave has now closed on his earthly remains, but we continue a while in life. Depart hence, therefore, to your business and duties in life, in order and in silence, as ye came hither. I dismiss you with the solemn formula familiar to your ears, with which our chapters are closed—"Brethren and friends, peace and the blessing of Almighty God be with us." Let us go hence.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

- BOXER.—On the 18th inst., at Peak-hill-gardens, Sydenham, the wife of Mr. William E. Boxer, Paymaster Royal Navy, of a son.
- GEORGE.—On the 19th inst., at Downside, Stoke Bishop, the wife of Mr. William Edwards George, of a daughter.
- GOODWIN.—On the 19th inst., at the Laurels, Blakebrook, Kidderminster, the wife of Mr. J. Rowland Goodwin, of a daughter.
- LAWRENCE.—On the 20th inst., at 21, Phillimore-gardens, Kensington, W., the wife of Mr. A. T. Lawrence, of a daughter.
- MESSENT.—On the 18th inst., at Osborne-terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of Mr. Phillip John Messent, C.E., of a daughter.
- NEWLANDS.—On the 18th inst., at 2, Woodland's-terrace, Glasgow, the wife of Mr. Joseph F. Newlands, of a daughter.
- PRESTON.—On the 19th inst., at Penryn, Breakspears-road, Brockley, the wife of Mr. Walter J. Preston, of a daughter.
- ROUTH.—On the 18th inst., at 33, Marina, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, the wife of Mr. A. Curtis Routh, M.R.C.S., of a son.
- SANDERS.—On the 18th inst., at The Vicarage, Betchworth, the wife of the Rev. C. E. Sanders, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- BELCHER—WILTON.—On the 13th inst., at St. Catharine's Church, Gloucester, by the Rev. H. Mines, assisted by the Rev. S. Coleridge, brother-in-law of the bride, William De Pipe Belcher, to Harriet Susanah, daughter of the late Mr. T. W. Wilton, of Gloucester.
- MASON—MARSHALL.—On the 16th inst., at the Clapham Congregational Church, Grafton-square, Arthur William Mason, son of Mr. G. H. Mason, C.C., of Fitzjohn's-avenue, N.W., to Harriette Marshall, daughter of Mr. J. G. Marshall, of Clapham-park, S.W.
- WALD—KURTZ.—On the 17th inst., at St. Mark's Church, Regent's-park, N.W., by the Rev. W. B. Galloway, George Wald, of 2, Dale-road, Kentish Town, N.W., to Elizabeth Ann, widow of the late Mr. Charles Godfrey Kurtz, of Sydney, New South Wales.

DEATHS.

- BERRY.—On the 13th inst., at 25, Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., Miss Mary Ann Berry, the beloved sister of Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, &c., after a long and painful illness.
- JARDINE.—On the 13th inst., at Edinburgh, Christiana Bayne, widow of Mr. Thomas Jardine, of Beattock, in her 79th year.
- JOYNSON.—On the 18th inst., at Park-road, Bowdon, Cheshire, Mr. Edward Joynson, J.P., in his 80th year.
- LEVY.—On the 18th inst., at 11, Lancaster-gate, Mr. Moses Levy, aged 66.
- PALMER.—On the 20th inst., at 49, Wickham-road, Brockley, S.E., Emma Eve Palmer, aged 77.
- RANKING.—On the 19th inst., at Hitcham Vale, Maidcnhead, Constance Maud, daughter of Mr. Harvey Ranking, aged 20.
- PULLEY.—On the 18th inst., at Wem, Salop, Mr. William Pulley, of Lincoln's-inn, aged 55.



On Wednesday evening last M. Jules Sandeau's comedy "Mademoiselle de la Seigliers," was produced at the Gaiety by the members of the Comédie Française now performing there. The plot is very slight but it is made entertaining by the skilful characterisation and by the adroitness with which the author makes his personages say, not witty or clever things, but the sort of things that they might be expected to say when placed in exceptional situations. There are but half a dozen characters in the piece, and M. Coquelin chooses for himself the part of the lawyer *Destournelles*, leaving the *Marquis* for his brother. That there is remarkable ability in the representation of the part is a matter of course. M. Coquelin comes to England for a fortnight, and during that short time he would not be likely to appear in parts which suited him indifferently. Almost every sentence he utters is greeted with laughter; his manner is quaint, and the character of the lawyer, anxious to serve himself and enjoy revenge on a certain *Baronne de Vaubert* who has used him for her own purpose, is consistently carried out and very ingeniously elaborated. Nevertheless, after the rich humour of Coquelin's *Don Anibal* "L'Aventurière," his *Destournelles* seems, not weak, but rather slight. Madame Barretta plays very prettily as the heroine, and there is at times much quiet power about her performance, as for example, when with a whispered word she checks the irritation which her undeclared lover would vent upon her father's impertinence—a check which the *Marquis* takes as a tribute to his own powers of wit and argument, and, indeed, his placid commentary "Je l'ai redit au silence," is one of the many clever touches in the comedy. Madame Amel makes capital out of the part of the scheming *Baronne*; but the other three personages of the simple comedy are not represented in a manner which can be described as strikingly successful. M. Febvre, more than clever as he always is, has scarcely the calm repose and at the same time the fervour which are necessary for the interpretation of *Bernard*, a veritable hero as he is drawn, eager to avenge the insolent indifference with which the *Marquis* treats his benefactor—*Bernard's* father—and at the same time ready to surrender all to the voice of love. M. Boucher makes comparatively little of *Raoul*, the scientific youth who loves *Hélène* slightly and his collection of insects more; a part which, without caricature, might be well and divertingly marked. Finally, as the *Marquis*, M. Coquelin-cadet, is always rather the comedian than the nobleman—amusing but not convincing.



At the Royal Italian Opera, on Thursday last "I Puritani" was substituted for "Fra Diavolo," and experienced a very enthusiastic reception from a crowded house. Madame Albani sang and played the part of *Elvira* admirably, and was twice pressed by the audience to give a repetition, on the first occasion of "Son vergin vezzosa," and the second time of "Qui la voce." However, it was only in respect of the first that she complied with the invitation. She was successfully supported by Signor de Reszke as *Giorgio*, while Signori Marini and Pandolfini, as *Arturo* and *Riccardo*, respectively, did fairly in the parts assigned to them. Signor Bevignani conducted.

Rossini's opera of "Semiramide" was performed on Friday, with Madame Adelina Patti as the heroine, Madame Tremelli as *Arsace*, and M. Gailhard as *Assur*. It goes without saying that the first-named lady sang Rossini's melodious music exquisitely, while Mdlle. Tremelli, who has a fine voice and sang with much taste and fluency, did very well, though she necessarily suffered by comparison with Madame Patti. M. Gailhard made a commendable *Assur*.

The great treat of the week, however, was the performance on Saturday of "Le Nozze di Figaro," when the characters of *La Contessa*, *Susanna*, and *Cherubino* were taken by Mesdames Albani, Valleria, and Pauline Lucca respectively, M. Dufriche, as *Il Conte*, Signor Cotogni, as *Figaro*, with Signori Corsi and Scolara, and M. Dauphin in the minor parts making up an usually strong cast. As regards Madame Pauline Lucca it is simply marvellous that one and the same artist should be able to present as perfect an idealisation of the merry page boy *Cherubino* as of the passionate *Selika* in "L'Africain," of which we spoke last week. She was, moreover, extremely fortunate in having as *Susanna* so good an actress and vocalist as Madame Valleria, who, like Madame Lucca, seems equally at home and equally efficient in all that she essays. Madame Albani gave a most brilliant impersonation of *La Contessa*, and Signor Cotogni's *Figaro* was, as usual, a most welcome performance; M. Dufriche, who has a good voice, giving general satisfaction as *Il Conte*.

Mr. W. G. Cusins's concert of chamber music on Wednesday last at St. James's Hall was signalled by the performance of several of his own compositions, the most important being a grand trio in C minor for piano, violin, and violoncello, which was played on the occasion for the first time, and in which Mr. Cusins was associated with Herr Strauss (violin) and Mr. E. Howell (cello). The work experienced a very favourable reception, and the author was honoured by a recall to the platform. He also played with Mr. Howell Beethoven's sonata in D for pianoforte and violoncello, while among his solos were included his own Grande Valse Brillante. The principal vocalists were Madame Patey and Bro. Santley, Messrs. F. King and Maas, Miss Carlotta Elliott, and Madame Rose Hersee lending also valuable assistance. The attendance was numerous.

There was but a limited attendance at the meeting convened on Thursday last at Chester in aid of the fund being raised towards establishing a Royal College of Music, but it was resolved to open a subscription list, the mayor heading it with a contribution of £20.

A musical festival was held on Thursday last in the parish church of Chelmsford, the choirs of that portion of the county being present, and Mr. G. Martin, Sub-Organist of St. Paul's, conducting.

Mr. George Watts's concert in St. James's Hall, on Thursday last, was well patronised, notwithstanding the disadvantage he laboured under in not being able to carry out the full programme. Madame Sembrich, Madame Sophie Menter, and Mr. E. Lloyd had been announced to attend, but they were prevented by indisposition, and Mdlle. Eisler, a promising violinist, and Mr. W. Coenen, pianist, took their places. Madame Christine Nilsson was encored in the mad scene from "Lucia," and gave a Swedish song by way of response; a similar compliment being paid her for her rendering of Mr. L. Engel's song of "Lost," with which she complied by singing another of that gentleman's songs. Gounod's "Ave Maria," by Madame Marie Roze, with Mdlle. Eisler, violin, and Mr. Engel, harmonium, produced a great effect on the audience; indeed, the whole of the concert proved very enjoyable.

Saturday last witnessed, as we said would be the case, the presentation of a purse of seven hundred guineas, accompanied by an album containing the names of the subscribers, to Mr. Manns, who has won such well-deserved popularity as the musical director of the Crystal Palace. Mr. Mann's connection with the Palace dates back as far as the year 1834, when he was appointed sub-conductor, but he resigned the post in the autumn of the same year, and it was not till October, 1855, that he was re-engaged as conductor of the Company's Orchestra. He at once set to work to make his band as effective as possible, and, slowly but surely, achieved a brilliant success, as all will readily testify who have attended the many and various concerts given under his auspices, and in which his now for a long time famous orchestra have taken part. At the ceremony of presentation, which took place in the opera room, shortly after the termination of the classical concert, the chair was taken by Dr. G. A. Macfarren, who was supported by Mr. Grove, Mr. F. H. Cowen, Mr. Flood Page, Dr. Oscar Beringer, Mr. and Mrs. Meadows White, and others. Dr. Macfarren having opened the proceedings in an effective speech, invited Mrs. Meadows White to present the purse and album. This having been done, and supplemented by the gift of two baskets of flowers by the ladies of the Crystal Palace Choir, Mr. Manns, in due course, made his acknowledgments. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman was passed unanimously.

The concert which preceded the above presentation was the last of this season's classical concerts, and was given for the benefit of Mr. A. Manns, who was heartily received by the numerous audience, both at the opening and close of the proceedings. The orchestral part of the concert included the "Choral Symphony" and Dr. Macfarren's "Festival (Liverpool) Overture," both orchestra and choir exerting themselves to the utmost to make the occasion a success, while the principal solo vocalists, Madame Peschka-Leutner, Miss Hope Glenn, Bro. Barton McGluckin, and Mr. F. King acquitted themselves most satisfactorily.

On Tuesday, Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the opening ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, of the French Musical Festival, in which some 2000 Orpheonists took part. The proceedings were of an imposing character, and caused a considerable amount of interest on the part of those present. Then followed the various competitions, which were continued on Wednesday. In the afternoon of the latter day a grand concert was given, and in the evening the prizes were distributed. We must reserve further particulars till next week.

Wagner's romantic musical drama of "Tristan und Isolde," which completes the engagements announced by Messrs. Franke and Pollini, was produced on Tuesday at the German Opera, Drury-lane, and experienced a very favourable reception. Herr Winkelmann, though in good voice, did his utmost as *Tristan*, and Frau Sacher made an admirable *Isolde*, the other characters finding admirable exponents in Frau Brandt and Herren Landau, Kraus, Wolff, and Gura.

The half-yearly local examinations in elementary musical knowledge by Trinity College, London, were held on Friday last at upwards of 130 local centres in the United Kingdom, at which the number of candidates that presented themselves was 2683, to say nothing of the foreign centres, from which as yet no returns have been received.

The fifth Symphony Concert took place at St. James's Hall on Thursday last, when the programme included Beethoven's "Leonora" overture, Mendelssohn's Concerto for the violin, Mozart's "Hoffner," Serenade, and Berlioz's Symphony, with obligato, "Harold en Italie." Madame Norman-Neruda, in the concerto, and Herr Ludwig Strauss, in Berlioz's Symphony, played admirably.

The closing concert of this series was fixed for Thursday, the principal features of the programme that was announced being Beethoven's Mass in D, with Madame Albani, Miss Orridge, Mr. Shakespeare, and Mr. F. King as principal vocalists, and the same master's Symphony in C minor, which will precede the mass.

The last of the Orchestral Concerts given this season by Bro. W. Ganz, P.C.O., came off on Saturday. No novelty was presented, but the programme contained many numbers of interest, the principal being Schubert's "Rosamunde" overture, Beethoven's pianoforte Concerto

in G. Mendelssohn's Scotch Symphony, and the Duet by Mendelssohn and Moscheles for two pianofortes. Beethoven's Concerto was admirably played by M. de Pachmann, who also shared with Bro. Ganz the honours of the duet. Madame Rose Hersee was the vocalist.

In his speech at the Mansion House on Saturday evening, at the banquet given by Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress to the Mayors of provincial cities and boroughs, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in acknowledging the toast of his health and the other members of the Royal Family, took the opportunity of referring to his scheme for a Royal College of Music. The reference was led up to by some remarks of the Lord Mayor, and the Prince of Wales seeing so many provosts and Mayors expressed his convictions that following the example set by his Lordship, they would do their utmost in co-operating with him in promoting the success of the movement.



A meeting was held on Wednesday last in the Egyptian Hall, Mansion House, for the purpose of promoting the scheme for establishing a School of Dramatic Art. The Lord Mayor presided, and among those present were Bro. the Earl of Wharnclyffe, Sir Heron Maxwell, Bart., Mr. Alderman Cotton, M.P., Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. Chippendale, Mr. Ryder, &c. The Earl of Wharnclyffe explained that it was proposed to open the School on 4th October next, and all that was needed was a subscription of £1500, in order to meet the first year's expenses, as it was believed that after that the School would be self-supporting. Mr. John Ryder, who claimed to have had some experience in placing ladies on the stage, among them being the late Miss Neilson, expressed his belief that the scheme would probably turn out a failure, as acting could not be taught, while, on the other hand, Mrs. Chippendale, while agreeing with Mr. Ryder that acting could not be learnt by those who had no special gift in that direction, was of opinion the School would be able to render good service in matters elocutionary. Mr. Routledge spoke in favour of the proposal; and the Lord Mayor, in acknowledging the vote of thanks passed to him for presiding, likewise said he thought that, though genius could not be manufactured, it might be helped and brought forward.

Amongst those present at the annual conversation, on Wednesday last, at the Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall East, were His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who was attended by Lieut-Gen. Sir Dighton Probyn, and conducted over the rooms of the College by Sir William Jenner, the President, and the censors, fellows, and librarian. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, who arrived later, also spent some time in examining the treasures with which the College abounds.

The statue to the memory of the late Sir Rowland Hill, which has been erected close to the South-east corner of the Royal Exchange, and was on Saturday unveiled by the Prince of Wales, is the work of Mr. Onslow Ford. It is life-size, in bronze, and stands on a granite pedestal. The artist has been successful in obtaining a good likeness of the great postal reformer, while the attitude of the figure, which stands erect, is both easy and natural.

The Society of Arts could not well have done better than award the Albert Medal for the current year to M. Louis Pasteur, member of the Institute of France and foreign member of the Royal Society. M. Pasteur has done much in the cause of science, and this medal has been awarded to him "for his researches in connection with fermentation, the preservation of wines, and the propagation of zymotic diseases in silkworms and domestic animals, whereby the arts of wine making, silk production, and agriculture, have been greatly benefited."

According to the *Illustrated London News* the will of the late Mr. Charles Darwin, of Down, near Beckenham, Kent, has been proved by the executors, William Erasmus Darwin and George Howard Darwin, two of the sons, the value of the personal estate being upwards of £146,000.

Electric lights are said to have been erected along a portion of the Surrey Canal, and, in the opinion of the *Electrician*, it is not improbable that the whole length of the canal, which runs through the south-east district of London to the docks, will be similarly lighted.

Mr. Bright, M.P., has just given the final sittings for his portrait, which is being painted for the Birmingham Fine Art Gallery by Mr. W. T. Roden, and will be a companion picture of Mr. Gladstone, already placed in the gallery, by the same artist.

An important meeting was held on Thursday last at the Westminster Palace Hotel, for the purpose of devising means for urging on the Government the necessity of passing this session, if possible, a measure for higher and intermediate education in Wales. Lord Aberdeen presided, and the result was that it was arranged a deputation should wait on Lord Carlingford and Mr. Mundella on the subject. Among those present were Bros. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W.; Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Salop; and Lord Kensington, M.P., P.G.W.

On Monday the deputation in question waited on Mr. Mundella, M.P. Lord Carlingford being unavoidably absent, when the various points connected with Welsh education were laid before the right honourable gentleman, to whom thanks were accorded for the courtesy of his reception.



We understand that considerable surprise has been expressed in many quarters as to why, for some unaccountable reason, the name of our respected Bro. Chas. Atkins, P.M., has been omitted from the list of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, where he has been so zealous an attendant.

Bro. John Bevan, D.G.M. Westland, New Zealand, has again delivered his most original and eloquent oration on Charles Dickens, and as on previous occasions, in the cause of charity. We trust that the Kilburn Provident Institute may benefit by this powerful and unique performance. It was delivered in the Kilburn Town Hall, on Tuesday evening last, to a select and highly appreciative audience. We hope that Bro. Bevan, whose stay in this country is now drawing to a close, may be induced to give this masterly discourse on behalf of some charity connected with the Craft, before he bids good bye to the shores of old England.

The erection of the memorial raised by subscription among the members of the Metropolitan Police and the general public over the remains of the unfortunate Constable Atkins, who was murdered at Kingston-hill while on duty, has just been completed at Walton-on-Thames. The memorial consists of a Sicilian marble Gothic headstone, on moulded base, and curbing of the same material, with suitable inscription.

Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of Abercorn arrived at Hampden House, from Baron's-court on Friday, the 16th inst.

The Rheims correspondent of the *Wine Trade Review* writes: "The stock of Champagne now remaining in this department is 50,071,933 bottles (equal to 417,207 hectolitres), and 414,350 hectolitres in cask. Thus we have in round numbers a hundred million bottles of wine in hand, even after the small vintages of recent years.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks was held at Reading, on Monday last, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master. A report will be found in another page.

The Freemasons of Ireland have just presented a diamond and pearl parure of great magnificence to the Countess of Winterton, *nee* Lady Georgiana Hamilton, daughter of the Grand Master the Duke of Abercorn. The whole design is symbolic, and the Cross of Malta at once suggests the Masonic insignia, while the Irish pearls, which are magnificent specimens, are typical of that country. This is surmounted by the *fleur de lis* of France, which is claimed by the Duke of Abercorn's family.

The fifty-fifth anniversary of the Infant Orphan Asylum, at Wanstead, takes place to-day (Saturday), under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Bro. John Derby Allcroft, and Bro. Horace Marshall, C.C., are among the Stewards.

The second portion of the valuable Warley Mount Estate, the property of our esteemed Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M. 889, and 1503, P.G.D. Middx., realised splendid prices under the hammer of Bro. J. R. Cooper (Ventom, Bull, and Cooper), last week. This property consists of over sixty acres of freehold building land, most beautifully situated in Essex, adjoining Brentwood, and within half-an-hour of Liverpool-street Station, by express train. Although only eleven and a half acres have been already disposed of, over £8500 has been realised. Amongst the purchasers we note two worthy members of the Craft, who are Masters of two of the Livery Companies of the City of London; also our Bros. Grantham A. Dodd, R. A. Notley, E. J. Lewis, J. Mulvany, and several other local members of the Craft.

Bro. N. F. J. Basnett was, on Saturday last, installed as W.M. of the Macdonald Mark Lodge, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

We understand that another Royal Grand Master has been added to the roll of rulers of the Craft, in the person of the Prince of Orange. Masonry in the Netherlands has been scarcely less popular for many years past than in England, and the new Grand Master is not the first of his line who has accepted the same position. We congratulate our brethren on having such a distinguished Grand Master to rule over them.

Following the introduction of Barometers to its Life Boat Stations and other places, the National Lifeboat Institution has now taken another important step in this matter by offering to supply an Aneroid Barometer to owners or masters of fishing vessels at a small cost, which considering that it is of a superior and reliable character, must make this useful instrument a welcome addition to every decked fishing-boat's equipment. As the sole object of the Lifeboat Institution in this matter is to benefit fishermen, the Aneroids can, of course, only be supplied to owners or masters of fishing vessels, and applications for them are received by the Honorary Secretaries of the branches of the National Lifeboat Institution on various parts of the coast.

Notice has been given by the Marquis of Salisbury of his intention to move the rejection of the proposed statute for the University of Oxford, framed by the University of Oxford Commissioners, concerning the nomination of examiners.

"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 new lodge, named the Fidelity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 1965, was consecrated on the 13th inst., at Wellington, Somerset. A report appears elsewhere.

Chief Baron Palles was taken suddenly ill at Dublin on Wednesday last during the hearing of a case, and had to be assisted out of court.

Mr. Wallis, of the French Gallery, has had the honour of submitting to the Prince and Princess of Wales a picture of Napoleon I., painted by M. Meissonier.

The Sheriffs of London and Middlesex for the ensuing year will be appointed to-day (Saturday).

Archbishop Makary, the Metropolitan of Moscow, died suddenly on Wednesday night last.

Princess Louise has left Quebec for a short tour in the southern part of the dominion.

The Bishop of Rochester will preside on the occasion of the distribution of prizes at the North London Collegiate School for Girls, on July 3rd, and the prizes will be distributed by the Countess of Darnley.

Lord and Lady Shrewsbury arrived at Ingestre, Stafford, from London, on Wednesday last. His lordship was met at Milford Station by a large number of his tenantry, by whom he was escorted to Ingestre Hall. The route from the station to the Hall was decorated with flags and triumphal arches, and the Earl and Countess were loudly cheered. On reaching the Hall his lordship thanked those assembled for their cordial reception.

Major Flood Page has resigned the post of manager of the Crystal Palace, and has accepted the office of general manager of the Edison Indian and Colonial Electric Company.

The Beacon Court Lodge, No. 1967, will be consecrated at New Brompton, on Wednesday next. Bro. W. J. Blakey, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, is to be the first W.M.

Prince Osman Pacha, with his brother Prince Kamil Pacha, visited the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich on Wednesday last, and witnessed several interesting experiments at the proof ground, and the operations in progress at the manufacturing departments. A large party of Parsee students, from King's College Hospital, in charge of Mr. Hodgson Pratt, were escorted over the Arsenal at the same time, under special authority from the War Office.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury entertained at dinner, at their house in Arlington-street, on Wednesday evening last, Prince Osman Pacha and Prince Kamil Pacha, his Excellency Arif Bey Effendi, Earl Fortescue and Lady Susan Fortescue, the Countess of Shrewsbury, the Countess of Kenmare and Lady Margaret Browne, Lord Houghton, Lady Alice Gaisford, Louisa Lady Ashburton and Hon. Mary Baring, Lady Molesworth, Colonel Hon. E. Digby, Hon. A. Montagu, Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote, Sir J. Lacaita, Mr. G. Curzon and Miss Alderson.

The Literary Masonic World will not doubt hear with considerable satisfaction that the unique and valuable autograph series of Masonic documents connected with the Rite of Mezraim, formerly Bro. Donald Campbell's, have passed, by purchase, into the possession of Bro. Dr. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, in order to preclude their being sold into a foreign collection. Bro. Mackenzie gave a considerable sum for them considering the bulk they represent.

On Wednesday last the prizes gained by the students at the Oxford Military College were presented by Bros. Lord Waveney and General Burnaby, M.P. The Duke of Connaught wrote, stating that he would gladly, had he been able, have accepted the invitation to visit the college, which was certain to make a name for itself, and to be a great boon to the sons of officers and those who wished to enter the army. Perhaps next year he might be able to come.

Vines are in flower in Baden earlier this year than since 1834, and there is every prospect of a good vintage.

At the Marlborough-street Police-court Edwin Marley, "no home, groom," was charged before Mr. Newton with stealing from a carriage a card-case, purse, &c., the property of Bro. Sir John Ramsden, P.G.D., of No. 6, Upper Brook-street. The prisoner said that, finding the carriage unattended, and seeing the bag he was tempted to take it. He had been in the Army Reserve Corps, leaving with a good character, and subsequently went into the tramway work. He wished the matter settled at once. Mr. Newton committed the prisoner for three months with hard labour.

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On Saturday afternoon last, at the close of Mr. August Mann's benefit concert at the Crystal Palace, the members of the band and of the choir, and many patrons of the Saturday concerts assembled in the Opera-house for the purpose of paying a tribute to Mr. Manns. He was presented with an album, illuminated by Miss Kate Ashley, and containing the following inscription: "Presented, together with a purse of £700, to A. Manns by Professor G. A. Macfarren, on behalf of the hereinafter mentioned subscribers, in recognition of his eminent services to musical art, as specially instanced by his direction for upwards of a quarter of a century of the Saturday concerts at the Crystal Palace, where the works of the great masters, as well as composers, both English and foreign, less known to fame, have been rendered in a manner which has redounded to his honour throughout the civilised world." The number of names inscribed was stated to be 494, including fifty-five contributors in Glasgow.

H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales left London for Saltaire on Thursday afternoon last, where they were the guests of Mr Titus Salt, and on Friday opened the new Technical School at Bradford.

At the second day's sale at Kensington House, the marble staircase, supported by colossal statues representing the "Seasons," erected at a cost of £11,000, was purchased by Mr. H. W. Williams, on behalf of Madame Tussaud and Sons, for their new Exhibition shortly to be erected near Baker-street Station.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Jersey received at dinner on Wednesday evening, at their house in Great Stanhope-street, Park-lane, the Earl and Countess of Derby, the Earl of Seafield, the Earl of Northbrook and Lady Emma Baring, the Countess of Lathom and Lady Florence Wilbraham, Viscount and Viscountess Newark, Lord and Lady Wimborne, Lord Windsor, Lady Herries, Hon. Wm. Palmer, Mr. Paulton, and Mr. Buller.

The anniversary service of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem will be held in the Chapel Royal, Savoy, this day (Saturday), at ten o'clock. The sermon will be preached at eleven o'clock by Bro. the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, rector of Sutton Coldfield, and one of the P.G. Chaplains of the Order.

THE MUNICIPAL BALL IN THE GUILDHALL.—The jewel or badge worn by the forty committeemen consisted of a locket made of 18 carat gold, with the arms of Scotland, Ireland and Wales richly enamelled in heraldic colours on the front, with the monogram of the wearer artistically engraved on the back, the whole being surmounted with the City arms, suspended by a dark blue ribbon with a hanger of golden leaves. They were designed and manufactured by George Kenning, 1, 2, 3, and 4, Little Britain, and 197, Aldersgate-street, London.—*Daily Chronicle*.

Bro. the Marquess of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham, Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, and Bro. Lord Henniker, G.M. Mark Master Masons, have recently joined the committee of the Volunteer Service Club.

General Sir Daniel Lysons, commanding at Aldershot, notified, in a divisional order issued at the Camp on Wednesday last, that the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, in compliance with the commands of the Prince and Princess of Wales, has ordered him to make known to the force at Aldershot their Royal Highnesses' thorough appreciation of the appearance and movements of the various corps reviewed in the Long Valley on Tuesday last.

The Star Lodge of Instruction, 1275, which has been held for so many years at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, will on and after Saturday, the 1st prox., meet at the Five Bells Tavern, 155, New Cross-road (close to New Cross-gate).

At Salisbury a local custom was observed on Wednesday last, when about 300 persons assembled from different parts of the county, at 3.40 a.m. precisely, to witness sunrise at Stonehenge, on the longest day.

A meeting of the executive sub-committee of the Dean Stanley Memorial Fund was held on Wednesday, at Mr. Boehm's studio, under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to inspect the model for the monument in the Abbey prepared by Mr. Boehm. The model was greatly admired, and Mr. Boehm was requested to proceed to execute the monument in marble.

A marble state of the Queen will be erected outside the new Town Hall at Reading, instead of one of Henry III., as originally proposed. Mr. W. I. Palmer, who has already been a munificent donor to the buildings, has undertaken to defray the cost.

The Printers' Festival will be held at the Alexandra Palace, in aid of the Building Fund of the London Society of Compositors, to-day (Saturday), under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, the principal members of the trade, &c.

The International Chess Tournament that has been playing at Vienna for six weeks came to an end on Wednesday. Mr. Steinitz, of London, and M. Winawer, of Warsaw, were declared joint winners of the first prize, each having won an equal number of games. Mr. Mason, of America, came next.

The money received at the Mansion House for the Hospital Sunday Fund now amounts to nearly £27,500.

The annual festival on behalf of the East London Hospital for Children was held on Wednesday last at Willis's Rooms. Dr. Andrew Clark presided, and advocated the cause of the hospital; and Cardinal Manning, who proposed one of the toasts, remarked that more than 100,000 little sufferers had obtained relief in the hospital since its establishment. The subscriptions announced amounted to more than £2000.

The Duke of Connaught, who is now cruising in the Mediterranean with the Duke of Edinburgh, will resume his duties as Commander of the 3rd Infantry Brigade at Aldershot on the 9th of next month.

There is to be an exhibition at Twickenham for the benefit of the Police Orphanage. On the occasion there will be about 600 exhibits of the handicraft of the police, which will include works of art, mechanical skill, &c. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will open the exhibition, and sign the first-class certificates.

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

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, July 1, 1882.

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

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.

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 26.
Mark Lodge, Grand Masters, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
K.T. Precept. 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 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, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
Old Kent Mark, Crown & Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27.
Presentation of Prizes by the Lord Mayor to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green.
Lodge 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 788, Crescent, Island Hot., Twickenham.
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
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 Bgds., 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, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28.
Summer Festival of the Boys' School, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart T., Abchurch-lane.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.

United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29.
Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st, Covent Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
All Saints, Eagle Tav., East India Dock-rd., Poplar, at 7.30.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's.

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.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanly, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, JULY 1.
Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE
For the Week ending Saturday, July 1, 1882.

MONDAY, JUNE 26.
Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
" 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
" 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27.
Lodge 979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hot., Crewe.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28.
Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 321, Unity, Crewe Arms, Crewe.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29.
Lodge 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30.
Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.
For the Week ending Saturday, July 1, 1882.

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 26.
Lodge 153, Dublin. R.A.C. 25, Dublin.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27.
Lodge 4, Dublin. R.A.C. 730, Dublin.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28.
Lodge 125, Dublin. Com. of Inspection.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29.
No Meetings.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30.
Board General Purposes.

SATURDAY, JULY 1.
Lodge 238, Dublin.

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