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THE very important report of the Board of General Purposes demands, as it will receive, the very serious attention of the Craft. There can be no doubt, we think, that the Board has taken exactly the right line, and has recommended what is alike the most reasonable and common-sense course for our Order to follow, and which lies within the possibility of befitting achievement. The proposal itself, we think, will commend itself to the general approval of Grand Lodge. The Craft will, we feel sure, heartily commend the idea of *duplicated accommodation in the old locale, and on its own ground*. Any proposal to move to the Embankment or elsewhere is headed by the insurmountable difficulty of expense. Freemasons' Hall and Freemasons' Tavern have so long, as the Board reminds us, been associated with English Freemasonry, that it would be prejudicial to disassociate them, or to seek to sever the long-standing connection. Many serious questions, as the Board properly reminds us, might arise as to "good faith" with our lessees, &c., &c. We see that a notice of motion is given by Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART on the same subject; but it seems to us quite clear, that the only safe course for Grand Lodge to pursue, is to leave the whole matter in the hands of the Board of General Purposes, with which rests the proper responsibility, and which under its able head will no doubt alike seek to give satisfaction to, and carry out, the natural wishes of Grand Lodge.

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WE are pleased to notice in the report of the Board of General Purposes a paragraph relative to the Grand Lodge Library and the Grand Lodge Museum. We venture to repeat our hope that in the readjustment of Freemasons' Hall it will be found possible to make distinct provision for a Grand Lodge Library and a Grand Lodge Museum.

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By a letter elsewhere attention is called to the need of a reading room and writing room. Indeed we think that now every necessary question of increased accommodation may fairly be considered.

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THE selection of the Crystal Palace for the "locale" of the anniversary Festival of the Boys' School settles once for all, the "vexata quæstio" of where the gathering is to be. A good deal might be said for Brighton, but perhaps year after year it was not wise or desirable to send our metropolitan friends down to Brighton. Still "London on the sea" has many charms for the weary and pent up inhabitant of our "little village," and probably another year, Brighton may again be chosen for the great festival of our Boys' School. In the meantime we express the hope that all efforts will be made to render the festival gathering a signal success.

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WE all of us know well the energetic and untiring Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and gladly accord him, on the good old principle "Palmarum qui meruit ferat," much recognition for valuable services and successful results. We often hear him speak, and we as frequently realize the results of his painstaking efforts alike remarkable and commendable. On a recent festival he indulged in a prophetic vein and sought in forcible words to discount the possible and probable returns of the Boys' Festival. As a rule we do not affect to believe in "Prophets" of whatever "species" they may be, and we are inclined to think, that unintentionally the abnormal result thus sketched out might serve in some cases to diminish returns, and hold back efforts. And a further point, it appears to us, we ought clearly to keep before us. If the attraction of the double voting is to raise the special returns to an unheard of figure, we shall not feel satisfied if the general returns are not kept up in the same proportion. If the special fund is to have all the honours, and the general fund to languish, we shall according to our view have done more harm than good, inasmuch

as one of two consequences must inevitably follow, either we shall have to use our small capitalized property, or we shall have to make another special effort to obtain the annual income necessary for the actual wants of the yearly needful expenditure of the school. We will trust however that the actual returns will meet all objections and surpass all expectations. If Bro. TERRY turns out to be a true prophet he may well exercise his new powers on other occasions and for other purposes. We wish Bro. BIRCKES heartily all success in his energetic and ceaseless labours for the Boys' School.

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THE able writer of the amusing little letter we published last week headed, "Unearned Increment," touches upon a point on which we have heard a good deal. We have ourselves always held that the proceedings of the authorities of the Boys' School were wise, reasonable, and seasonable, and we cannot profess to see on what possible ground exception is taken, or complaint is made of the double votes. It is an entire question of contract. Those who originally paid £10 10s. on contract for two votes in perpetuity, can in no sense Masonically or fairly complain, because the authorities for "good and sufficient reasons" offer another contract for four votes for the same amount. It is idle to contend that A. B. who paid the required £10 10s. for two votes is damnified because C. D. now gets four votes for £10 10s. In either case it was a clear case of "contract" and contract alone, of voluntary payment. A. B. was at liberty not to give his £10 10s. if he did not like the terms; C. D. is equally at liberty to give his £10 10s., if he does. The object of the authorities was clear and rational, viz., to obtain a specific sum in a very short time for a pressing object, and they were entitled to and justified in holding out this little humble "lure" for those who interest themselves in the present and future of the Boys' School. Some of our good brethren jump rather hastily to conclusions every now and then without having duly weighed the premises. The logical consequences of certain preliminary conditions they do not seem to realize, and we have on all such questions too often to deal with assertions instead of arguments, "a begging of the whole question," and as the climax and close of all possible discussion, the ancient and feminine mode of settling everything "It is, because it is." We venture to think that the apprehensions of our able correspondent are unreal and illusory, though the point he takes is both clever and amusing.

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A curious question comes again before us from Quebec, but now it is a question of a R.A. Chapter. This is a chapter established at Montreal before the creation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and safe-guarded in its position and privileges by the original "Concordat" between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of England. Whether this chapter has been dormant or not does not clearly appear, but it exists, and is working. Two questions have surged up instanter. One is a question of fact, the other a question of jurisdiction. As to the fact it is stated on one side and denied on the other, that the original charter was surrendered, and a new chapter "affiliated" to the Grand Chapter of Canada. The District G. Superintendent of Montreal declares, that in the confusion attendant on the Masonic break-up in Canada the original charter was made away with, (apparently it does not now exist), and a Confirmatory Charter was obtained from the Grand Chapter of England, and that under that charter the chapter is now working at Montreal under our jurisdiction. The Quebec Grand Chapter raises like the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the question of universal and local jurisdiction. All chapters as lodges they contend are under the Quebec jurisdiction, and therefore, the Grand Chapter of Quebec calls on our Grand Chapter to cancel this confirmatory charter, and compel this chapter at Montreal to pay allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Quebec. The old difficulty supervenes one of "bona fides" and constitutional law. If the statements of the District Grand Superintendent are correct, the Montreal Chapter is a legitimate and working chapter under the English jurisdiction, and comes as a matter of necessity under the provisions of the old agreement between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of England. It would be impossible for the Grand Lodge of England to deny to its English lodges the right of holding a properly warranted chapter as the completion and complement of English Freemasonry under the Union Act of 1813. And, therefore, our authorities have wisely refused to interfere with the working and position of the chapter at Montreal. The correspondence is now published and deserves perusal and thought. So far whatever may be the explanation of the dormant condition of the chapter since 1864, we think many of us will see at once that the Grand Chapter of Quebec is weighted "ab initio" with this grave difficulty of asking for the impossible, seeking the unattainable. The transaction, such as it is, took place before the formation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

AN ingenious penman in the *Montreal Post* for April 19th, under the heading "An Unknown Fact," challenges the legality of all the Masonic bodies in the Province under the "Quebec Statutes" except those hailing from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland. He states that the exemption made by the statute in favour of the Society exists only for the "lodges which had their warrants and charters from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland." He does not we observe profess to give the exact words of the tenth chapter of the consolidated statute, so that it is impossible to see how far his contention may be well founded on a fair interpretation of the words of the statute itself. We should "a priori" somewhat doubt the existence of such a limitation in the Quebec statutes; but we may be wrong. We should be glad if any competent brother will kindly send us the section of the consolidated statutes on which the writer professes to rely. If the fact be so, as he so distinctly states, several very serious points must immediately arise; and, therefore, it is most important for us, in the first instance, to ascertain what are really the words of the statute. We have thought it well to reprint the short article elsewhere, as it raises questions which it is most desirable to clear up and settle at once.

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THERE is a little matter we wish to call attention to, which we think has hardly received the consideration it deserves. It is often argued that there are too many lodges in the metropolis, whereas the truth is, that, taking population as a basis of calculation, the metropolis might fairly ask for an extension of the number of its lodges. If we take the actual population within the 10 miles radius and compare it with the rest of England, we shall soon find that the proportion is really in excess in the provincial circles, and that the "London Village" has clearly not its fair share. It seems off-hand inadvisable to multiply lodges in the metropolis, for fear of their jostling and infringing on one another. But, curiously enough, in the metropolis itself this actuality is the least felt of any place in the world. There are many lodges where, from numbers or tradition, promotion is checked and advancement slow. Many zealous Freemasons find themselves condemned to inactivity often for long years, and therefore it is, we venture to suggest to our friendly and considerate authorities, that in applications for new lodges their "raison d'être" shall be looked at closely from this point of view—"have the promoters evidently, in the eyes of common sense, the elements with them of stability and continuation." The mere number of metropolitan lodges in any district or section really matters very little. The great risk to be avoided, and the one danger to be feared, is the hasty formation of lodges for no good purpose, to gratify a private pique, or to flatter a personal vanity. If there be a "legitimate" desire for a "swarm" from an old and full and stagnant lodge; if some worthy and qualified brethren are wishful to extend the pure light of Masonry, and give a guarantee alike for their zeal and solidity, we venture to think that they have a claim on the favourable consideration of our rulers, inasmuch, as in the metropolis as elsewhere, the impulse given to Freemasonry under the genial rule of our Royal GRAND MASTER is sensibly felt, and gratefully appreciated.

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A very numerous meeting of Life Governors of the Girls' School assembled in the Zetland Room, at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday. The voting ran high, as will be seen by our report elsewhere. We may allude to the subject again next week.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April for confirmation.
3. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
5. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
The Widow of a brother of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, Chislehurst	50	0	0
A brother of the Wellesley Lodge, No. 1899, Sandhurst, Berkshire	50	0	0
A brother of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, London	100	0	0
The Widow of a brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham	50	0	0
A brother of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, London	150	0	0
The Widow of a brother of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, London	50	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes have to report as follows:

A fire having unfortunately occurred at Freemasons' Hall on the 3rd May, causing considerable damage to the premises, the Board have received the subjoined report thereon from their Premises Committee, which they

have carefully considered, and believing the recommendations therein to be for the welfare and convenience of the Craft, they submit them for the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge.

Report of Premises Committee to Board of General Purposes, dated 22nd May, 1883.

The Committee deeply regret to have to report that a disastrous fire occurred at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the night of Thursday, the 3rd inst., resulting in the almost entire destruction of the time-honoured "Temple" in which the meetings of Grand Lodge have taken place for over 100 years, together with the valuable pictures of Past Grand Masters contained therein, as also a great part of the furniture and other fittings; the statue of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex being likewise greatly damaged by fire and smoke.

The old hall now destroyed was commenced in the year 1775, its foundation stone being laid on the 1st May in that year by the Right Hon. Lord Petre, then Grand Master, and the hall being formally dedicated to Masonry on the 23rd May of the following year by the same Grand Master, since which time Grand Lodge has uninterruptedly held its meetings within its walls.

The premises were, as a matter of course, fully insured; but the Craft have to deplore the loss of many articles, amongst them the "Ark of the Covenant," wherein were deposited the Articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges on the occasion of their being united on the 27th of December, 1813, the documents themselves being, however, fortunately preserved in another part of the building.

The Committee are glad to be able to report that by great exertions the fire was confined to the Temple itself, and that the other portions of the building containing the archives, offices, lodge and board rooms, &c., are entirely uninjured.

The Committee have lost no time in directing their most serious consideration to the steps necessary to be forthwith taken for the reconstruction of the Hall and for taking advantage of the opportunity thus offering for considerably enlarging the accommodation for the meetings of Grand Lodge, which has of late years been quite insufficient, owing to the great increase in the number of members.

The Committee have, in the first place, given careful attention to suggestions already made for the removal of Grand Lodge premises to the Thames Embankment, and in result they are of opinion that many financial and other reasons render such a step impracticable, as not only is involved the question of constructing at an immense cost, a building sufficiently large to contain a grand hall, ante rooms, board rooms, offices for the executive, lodge rooms for private lodges, &c., and this on one of the most expensive sites in London, where the difficulty as to obtaining foundations is unusually great, and where a freehold is unobtainable except at a price far beyond the resources of Grand Lodge, but also the almost equally prominent question of the Freemasons' Tavern, the good will of which is, of course, dependent mainly on the continued existence of the hall on its present site—while, on the suggested situation no accommodation would exist for dining purposes at grand festivals and for private lodge meetings.

The Committee consequently requested the Grand Superintendent of Works to consider and report to them his opinion as to the best possible plan for carrying out such works of renovation and enlargement as will afford accommodation for the attendance in Grand Lodge of at least 1500 brethren, being about double the number now able to be present therein.

The Grand Superintendent of Works, in his report thereon, states that to renew the premises destroyed on the old lines would be a simple matter, and, looking at the insurance, of little expense to the Craft; but he submits the following scheme for doubling the present accommodation, viz., to add to the area occupied by the hall just destroyed, the present great dining hall of Freemasons' Tavern (the two now running side by side), and that by due and equitable arrangements with Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), the lessees of the tavern, and with Mr. Bacon, the lessee of Bacon's Hotel, adjoining the tavern, the necessary substituted accommodation for a new dining hall, and for improved kitchen accommodation for the tavern should be provided on the site of the hotel.

The Grand Superintendent of Works points out that at the present stage it is impracticable to submit any accurate estimate of the cost of the above-mentioned scheme; but he is of opinion that the total expense would probably not exceed from £30,000 to £35,000 beyond what would be received from the Insurance Companies and from Messrs. Spiers and Pond as a contribution for improvements especially affecting their premises.

The Committee may here mention that at the present moment Grand Lodge possesses some £21,000 in the funds, and that its net average income, as shown in a report of a special Committee to Grand Lodge on the 7th June last was, to that date, about £4000 a year, since which time £800 a year has been alienated as a permanent grant from Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which, with the interest on the £21,000 (on its expenditure for the rebuilding) henceforth have to be deducted, leaving a future net average income of some £2,500 a year.

The balance of from £10,000 to £15,000 required to carry out the scheme now submitted, could no doubt be raised without difficulty, and the Committee have therefore no hesitation in submitting the scheme for the favourable consideration of the Board, fully believing that should it be adopted by Grand Lodge, it will possess premises worthy of the present flourishing state of the Craft in England.

The Board have also to report that, a fresh catalogue of the library and Museum of Grand Lodge being shortly about to be prepared, donations of Masonic works, &c., will be gladly received by the Library Committee.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons, Hall, London, W.C., 22nd May, 1883.

At a meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 22nd of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed) FRANK GREEN, J.G.D., Vice President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 18th ult., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £4444 10s. 5d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £100.

The President will move—

1st. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.

2nd. That the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the suggested scheme of reconstruction and enlargement of the premises at Freemasons' Hall be referred back to the Board for execution under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works.

8. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 18th of May, 1883, including an alteration and addition to rule 25, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

9. Appeal of Bro. Alexander Dimant, P.M., New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, against sentence of expulsion from Masonry passed on him by the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, North Island, New Zealand, on 21st December, 1882.

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION.—(1.) By W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D. :—

Having regard to the recent destruction of the Temple by fire, and the great increase of Masons, that it be referred to a Committee in conjunction with members of the Board of General Purposes to consider the advisability of rebuilding the Temple, or of acquiring a site to erect thereon a hall capable of meeting the wants of the Order.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes: Masters and Past Masters—Bros. Giovanni Paulo Festa, W.M. 1900; Edward F. Storr, P.M. 22; William H. Dean, P.M. 417; Thomas Hastings Miller, P.M. 907; Thomas Beswick Purchas, P.M. 1635; Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 141; Ralph Clutton, W.M. 631; George John Hakewill, W.M. 1150; George Henry Hopkinson, W.M. 14; George Pitt-Lewis, W.M. 46; Henry Richard Cooper Smith, W.M. 1731; Sharon Grote Turner, W.M. 2; Thomas Lean Wilkinson, W.M. 92; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; Henry Bishop, P.M. 66; William Bristow, P.M. G.S. Lo.; Albert Escott, P.M. 1593; John Laurence Mather, P.M. 1471; Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.M. 4; Robert Percy Middlemist, P.M. 5; James Garnar, P.M. 975; William Joseph Murlis, P.M. 1642; Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; William Smallpeice, P.M. 1395; John H. Watts, P.M. 63; William Smallpeice, W.M. 969; Charles Alfred Woods, P.M. 145; and James Stevens, P.M. 1216.

(2) By W. Bro. CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL, P.M. No. 1607—

That it is of very great importance for the well being of our honourable Order that the reconsideration of the revision of the Book of Constitutions as presented to Grand Lodge in September last, together with the amendments and alterations suggested by the various provinces, lodges, and brethren, should be submitted to Grand Lodge at the quarterly communication in September next, or at such earlier date as it may please the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to appoint a Special Grand Lodge for that purpose.

(3) By V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board: Bros. James Brett, P.M. 177; William George Lemon, P.M. 1601; Edward Letchworth, P.M. 197; James Henry Matthews, P.M. 143; Thomas Hastings Miller, P.M. 907; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 1489; and William Stephens, P.M. 1489.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. John James Berry, P.M. 554; Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M. 1728; Charles A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; William H. Goodall, P.M. 1567; Henry McPherson, P.M. 890; George L. Moore, P.M. 169; Wm. J. Murliss, P.M. 1642; Robert Perry Tate, 862; Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; James Willing, jun., P.M. 1507; and Charles Atkins, P.M. 27.

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

- Lodge 1994, The Malwa Lodge, Mhow, Bombay.
- 1995, The Rising Star Lodge, Rawul Pindee, Punjab.
- 1996, The Priory Lodge of Acton, Acton.
- 1997, The John Carpenter Lodge, Aldersgate-street.
- 1998, The Light of Tirhoot Lodge, Somastipore, Bengal.

CONSECRATION OF THE LULLINGSTONE CHAPTER, No. 1837.

Following closely on the dedication of the new Masonic Hall at Wilming-ton, Dartford, which was recently reported in our pages, the Lullingstone Royal Arch Chapter was consecrated on Monday last. The lodge from which the chapter springs has lately shown such marked signs of new life that it was naturally to be expected that applications should in due time be made for a warrant for a chapter, and, on the prayer of the W.M., Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, and other members of the lodge, it was duly granted. There were present at the ceremony—

M.E. Comps. Viscount Holmesdale, P.G. Supt. Kent; Jas. S. Eastes, P.G.H. Kent; Rev. Thos. Robinson, P.G. Soj.; Thos. Wyles, 20, P.G.J. Kent; Henry Penfold, 1174, P.P.G.S.N.; T. S. Warne, P.P.G.S.E.; C. Coupland, P.P.S.; W. B. Royd, Z. 913; Col. Burton, Z. 1174; G. H. Cweel, Z. 20; Thos. D. Hayes, P.Z. 913; E. Denton, P.Z. 913; A. Penfold, P.Z.; Henry Mason, H. 913; Henry Sadler, G. Janitor; and others, including the founders: Comps. Rev. H. Cummings, Z.; Rev. R. Jamblin, H.; Henry Tuff, J.; C. Coupland, Treas.; T. S. Warne, S.E.; J. G. Chillingworth, S.N.; C. V. Cotterell, P.S.; Fred Wood, 1st A.S.; and Anton Tien, 2nd A.S.

M.E. Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson acted as Consecrating Officer, ably assisted by E. Comps. Eastes, P.P.G.H., as H.; Wyles, P.P.G.J., as J.; Comps. T. S. Warne, P.P.G.S.E., as S.E.; and Penfold, P.P.G.S., as Dir. of Cer.

The acting M.E.Z., in the unavoidable absence of the P.G.J., gave a most impressive oration on Arch Masonry, which was listened to with marked attention by the assembled companions, and which will doubtless bear rich fruit.

The solemnities of consecration concluded, the M.E.Z. proceeded to the installation of the three Principals designate, and from first to last pronounced, without hesitation or loss of a single word, the long and beautiful ritual which belongs to this Degree, and that in the solemn and emphatic manner so peculiarly his own, and easily recognised by those who know Comp. Robinson.

The work of investment of the officers of the new chapter then proceeded as follows: Comps. Rev. H. Cummings, Z.; Rev. R. Jamblin, H.; H. Tuff, J.; C. Coupland, P.Z., Treas.; T. S. Warne, P.Z., S.E.; J. G. Chillingworth, S.N.; C. Vincent Cotterell, P.S.; Fred Wood, 1st A.S.; and Anton Tien, 2nd A.S.

The M.E.Z. in a few feeling words thanked the M.E.G. Superintendent of Kent, Lord Holmesdale, for his presence there, together with his chief officer, Comp. Eastes, the P.G.H., to grace the occasion; and those two companions, together with the Consecrating Officer, Comp. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, P.G.S. England, were elected honorary members of the chapter.

A most cordial vote of thanks, proposed by the M.E.Z., was given to the Consecrating Officers; and the Z. reminded the companions of the chapter that the manner in which the rites and ritual of consecration had been performed must be ever in their memory when looking back on that day, and that Comp. T. Robinson had laid upon them a debt of gratitude they would do well never to forget.

A number of brethren were then proposed for exaltation at the next chapter, after which the chapter was closed according to ancient form.

We described in a former report the excellent arrangements that had been carried out in connection with the lodge room and fittings, and it only now remains to say that the chapter room is in every way equal to that of the lodge. The elegant and appropriate fittings could not have been in better taste and they reflect the greatest praise on those who have carried out the arrangements. The furniture, jewels, and regalia were manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the banquet room, where a cold collation was laid out; an agreeable refreshment after the labours of the chapter.

The usual toasts peculiar to Freemasonry, Arch Masonry, and Masonic loyalty were duly honoured, and M.E. Comp. Rev. Thomas Robinson responded for the Grand Officers in a few practical and telling remarks.

The M.E.Z., in a happy and appropriate speech proposed "The Health of the G. Supt. of Kent, Lord Holmesdale," paying his lordship a very high tribute of respect and regard, and thanking him for the very great interest he had taken in the Lullingstone Lodge, Chapter, and Masonic Hall.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT in reply said he would thank them for the very hearty way in which they had received his name, and the M.E.Z. for the more than eloquent way in which he had spoken of him and of his interest in what was alter all his duty as ruler of the province. He trusted the example set by the members of the Lullingstone Lodge and chapter in building a hall and home for themselves would be encouragement to others in the province to do the same. It was a source of great gratification to him to be there with them, and he thanked the companions for their hearty good wishes.

The Rev. ROBERT JAMBLIN, H., in his facetious and happy manner proposed "The Provincial Principals, and Officers Present and Past," coupling with the toast the name of the Prov. G.J. Comp. Eastes, who he said was almost ubiquitous, and had an eye that noted everything, and a memory that remembered all, even names and faces of brethren and companions from the far ends of the province.

The Prov. G.H. returned thanks in a genial speech, bidding the companions of Kent take heart, and try each in their circle to emulate the example set by the small band of thorough good Masons gathered round the M.E.Z., whose energy and determination showed itself in the way in which he had worked for Masonry. He wished the new chapter every success, and the prosperity which he was sure would accrue to it under the guidance of such excellent companions as those they had seen that day installed.

Ex. Comp. PENFOLD, P.G.S.N., also responded in a few humorous and effective words.

The toast of "The Consecrating Officers," in proposing which the M.E.Z. paid a very graceful compliment to those companions who had assisted their consecrating Z., was exceedingly well received, and in eloquent terms both the proposer and the companion who responded. Rev. T. Robinson referred to the solemn and serious nature of those duties in which the chapter had been engaged, amounting almost to a religious service; and who when duly felt by those officiating and rendered by them, as a reality and a truth, and not a mere mechanical performance, never failed to attract and impress the companions wherever assembled.

The Grand Superintendent, M. E. C. Viscount HOLMESDALE gave what he was pleased to say was the toast of the evening, "Success to the Lullingstone Chapter." It would be well if his lordship's words of sound counsel and advice could be carried into every province, and well if the Masons of Kent will endeavour to put themselves in the forefront of that movement, which the efforts of the members of the Lullingstone has lately brought into such prominence, viz., the building of halls and rooms, set apart for Masonic purposes. The Grand Superintendent by his presence and his words of commendation evidenced that he could appreciate good and true Masonic work, and the vociferous way in which the companions present received the toast, coupled with the names of the three Principals, was proof, if such were needed, that the Lullingstone Chapter has started under auspicious circumstances and popular rulers. Long may it flourish.

The three Principals in turn replied with words of thanks, and the visitors being toasted, drew responses from E. Comps. Col. Burton, Z. 20, and Wyles, P.Z., P.G.J. A most enjoyable time was thus spent, and the companions separated at 8.30, thus showing that with private Masonic buildings, and plenty of work to do, all may be got through, labour and refreshment as well, and yet early hours give companions and visitors from a distance opportunity of meeting each other without inconvenience and undue expense.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At the General Committee which met on Thursday, Col. Creaton was elected chairman, and the following brethren were also present:

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Capt. N. Philips, Col. Peters, Bros. Philbrick, Frank Richardson, Sir J. B. Menckton, J. H. Matthews, Miller, Tattershall, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Robert Grey, Dubois, E. C. Mather, Matier, Hlogard, Brett, Murtis, George Kenning, J. A. Rucker, Edward Letchworth, G. P. Festa, Gladwell, and others.

The CHAIRMAN announced with reference to the election of the House Committee that the names of Bros. Moon, Clutton and Thrupp had been withdrawn from the list of candidates.

The CHAIRMAN added that the poll would remain open until five o'clock, at which time if all the brethren had not received their voting papers, the doors would be shut and all then present in the room would receive their papers and be entitled to vote.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the General Committee held 26th April were then read and confirmed, and the minutes of the House Committee were read for information. At the date of the last meeting of the House Committee there were 230 children on the books of the Institution. The following votes recommended by the House Committee were passed, viz.: £11 for an additional skylight; £150 for additional fire-mains and hydrants; and £20 (under rule 72) to secure to Selina Sharp a training to enable her to take a higher position.

The Chairman was authorised and requested to sign cheques.

Nine petitions were considered, one of which was deferred for further consideration at next meeting, and the names of the remaining eight children were ordered to be added to the list of candidates.

There was a crowded attendance of Life Governors anxious to record their votes for the members of the new House Committee. So many indeed were present that it was with the greatest difficulty that the task of taking the signature and distributing the voting papers was accomplished.

Strong comments were freely made as to the arrangements for taking the votes of those present, the result being that brethren and, we are sorry to say, ladies were jostled about in the most unpleasant manner in their efforts to aid their friends.

The following is the result of the poll:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Nominated by.	
Bro. Joshua Nunn, Vice-Pres. ...	Bro. J. M. Case 254
Frank Richardson, Vice-Pat.	" 253
J. H. Matthews, Vice-Pat.	" 251
Edmund C. Mather, Vice-Pres.	" 250
Henry A. Dubois, Vice-Pres.	" 249
Lieut.-Col. James Peters, Vice-Pat.	" 249
Peter de Lande Long, Vice-Pres.	" 248
Edward Letchworth, Vice-Pres.	" 246
John A. Rucker, Vice-Pat.	" 246
Robert Grey, Vice-Pat.	" 245
Charles Hammerton, Vice-Pat.	" 244
Edgar Bowyer, Vice-Pat.	Bros. J. M. Case and R. Grey 236

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Nominated by.	
Bro. Herbert Dickets, Vice-Pres.	Bro. F. Richardson 255
Henry C. Levander, Vice-Pres.	" 255
William Roebuck, L.G.	" 247
Henry Venn, L.G.	" 244
John G. Chancellor, Vice-Pres.	" 234
James Cutbush, L.G.	" 229
William Bailey, L.G.	" 224
Thomas Kingston, L.G.	" 221
E. C. Davies, L.G.	Bro. Henry Venn 125

On the names of the successful candidates being announced, Bro. TATTERSHALL rose and tendered his thanks to those brethren who had supported his candidature, and could only regret that their efforts in his behalf had not been successful.

Bro. BOWYER proposed a vote of thanks to the scrutineers for the assistance they had rendered on this occasion, and Bro. STEPHENS in returning thanks admitted that they had had a very severe task to accomplish.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, was proposed by Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, closed the proceedings.

MASONIC CELEBRATION IN AUSTRALIA.

In accordance with a custom re-established last year, one of the quarterly communications of the Prov. Grand Lodge, under the Irish Constitution, for the current year was fixed to be held in Ballarat, and this event took place in the Masonic Hall, Camp-street. The occasion had a double interest in its being the first time on which Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., who was about 18 months ago invested the P.G.M. for Victoria, should visit this centre in his Masonic capacity. The St. John's Lodge of Masons made arrangements for the proper reception of the P.G.M. and the P.G. Officers.

The R.W.P.G.M., Sir W. J. Clarke, accompanied by most of his officers, arrived from the metropolis, and were met at the railway station by the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Bro. Hennah, and several of the Past Masters and Officers, and were by them conducted to the hall in Camp-street. The Stewards had provided suitable refreshments in the supper-room, and these were fully appreciated by the visitors. After refreshments the P.G.M. and his officers were by the officers of St. John's Lodge taken in carriages for a drive round the lake and through the principal streets of the city, their drive concluding at Lester's Hotel, where they quarter during their stay.

In the evening, shortly after seven o'clock, an emergency meeting of the St. John's Lodge, convened for the purpose of union with the meeting of the Purple Lodge was held, and there was a large attendance, over 100 brethren being present. The Blue Lodge closed at about eight o'clock, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.

There were between 120 and 130 brethren present in all at the P.G. Lodge. The communication concluded by about nine o'clock, and the brethren then proceeded to the City Hall, where the P.G.M. and the P.G. officers were enter-

tained at a banquet. The catering had been left in the hands of Bro. C. Walker, and was so excellently done that it left little to be desired. The walls of the assembly room had been hung with flags which brightened the room considerably.

The W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Bro. W. H. Hannah, presided, having on his right hand the R.W. the P.G.M., and the mayor of the city, and on his left the R.W. the D.P.G.M.; the chairs near these being filled by the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, and the vice-chairs by Bro. J. S. Gillman, S.W. of the St. John's, and Bro. Wheeler, J.W. of St. John's respectively. The viands provided having well sustained the crucial test they were subjected to.

The CHAIRMAN rose and proposed in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were drunk with musical honours.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Duke of Abercorn," the "G.M.'s of the English and Scotch Constitutions," which were duly honoured.

The CHAIRMAN, then rising again, said: Brethren, I have now the honour of proposing the toast of the evening. I have looked forward to this pleasure for many months. Indeed, as far back as the night of my installation as W.M. of St. John's Lodge, I pictured this evening. I went so far as to ask the R.W.D.G.M. if it was not possible to hold a quarterly communication of the Prov. G. Lodge this year in Ballarat, and our meeting to-night is the outcome of this and the endeavours of our Past Masters. This is the grandest moment of my term of office, and I shall always look back upon it with the greatest pleasure. I must say that a better P.G. Master than Bro. Clarke could not have been selected, for what could be more admirable to have at our head than a gentleman whose charitable actions have made his name known all over the world, and made him esteemed by everyone? (Loud applause.) Who could be better for our Provincial Grand Master than a gentleman who is ready to assist the poor at all times whenever called upon? (Applause.) I hope the time will come when the three constitutions in Victoria will merge into one. I do hope this, and that I shall live to have the pleasure of seeing Sir W. J. Clarke not only Provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution in the colony, but Grand Master of the Freemasons of Victoria. (Applause.) It is getting very late, and I am not much given to public speaking; I wish my ability was greater, or that the toast was in better hands. I ask you now to drink to "The Health of our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master." (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with Masonic honours.

Sir W. J. CLARKE, the P.G.M., responding, said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I must be a very cold-blooded animal indeed if I did not feel something like extreme pleasure in the reception given me to-day, on the occasion of my visit to Ballarat. I have been here a great many times, and many times warmly welcomed, but I have never been more warmly welcomed than I have this day. I assure you that when I saw round me so large a number of gentlemen who have distinguished themselves in Masonry, I really felt afraid. I thank you for the toast, and trust that you will continue to increase in your numbers for the benefit of Freemasonry. (Continued applause.) The following toasts were then proposed and responded to: By Bro. Scott, "The District Grand Masters of the English and Scotch Constitutions," responded to by Bro. B. C. Finlayson; by Bro. Showman, "The D.P.G.M. and P.G. Officers," responded to by Bro. Baker; by Bro. Trevor, "D.I. Bro. W. Scott," responded to by Bro. Scott.

Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, R.W.P.G.M., then rising said he had a toast of the greatest importance to propose in that of "The St. John's Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Hennah, its W.M. He believed Bro. Hennah was one of nature's noblemen. He did nothing by halves, but showed energy and strength in what he did, and when he took a thing in hand they could rest perfectly satisfied he would go through with it. He considered him such a man as would be true in friendship and love, and he (the speaker) had no doubt that his wife believed she had the best man in Ballarat. He had met but few Masons, but he did not think he could meet with kinder brethren than he had that night. He believed that Ballarat had to thank the members of St. John's Lodge for some of its prosperity, for he was sure that men who carried out Masonry as the members of St. John's Lodge did, would show the same spirit in any other line they might be in. (Applause.)

The toast was cordially received. Bro. HENNAH, responding, thanked the P.G.M., on behalf of the lodge, and with regard to the kind remarks about himself, he thanked the P.G.M. very kindly, and would assure him that he would always remember his words and look back with pleasure to the occasion on which they were said, for he felt they were not spoken hastily.

The toasts of "The Sister Lodges," proposed by Bro. S. Marks, and responded to by Bros. J. Robson, W.M. Yarowee; R. B. Williams, W.M. Orion; and I. M. Goldrich, Sebastopol; "The City and Town of Ballarat," proposed by Bro. Baker, and responded to by Bro. Claxton; "The Golden Corinthian Lodge;" "The Ladies;" "The Press;" and the Tyler's toast closed the list.

During the evening songs rendered by the following brethren materially enlivened the proceedings: Bros. Moule, J. M. Martin, J. Williams, J. T. Marsh, J. Fallow, J. W. Burton, W. Lessells, and Wells. Bro. Burton sang "When other lips" so charmingly, that he was obliged to "follow on." The celebration was not over until past one o'clock. —Ballarat Courier.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC AND THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC.

"Office of the Grand Scribe E.,

"Montreal, 28th April, 1880.

"R.E. Companion—I am directed by the M.E. the Grand First Principal Z. of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Quebec (formerly Lower Canada and Canada East), to communicate to you, that many years ago, shortly after the formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the warrant of Victoria Chapter, English Constitution, Montreal, was duly returned to the then representative officer of the Grand Chapter of England here, the Hon. Judge Badgely,

of Montreal, to be by him remitted to the Grand Chapter of England.

"The Grand Chapter of Quebec, within whose jurisdiction is the city of Montreal (in which Victoria Chapter, when in existence, was situated), was constitutionally formed in the year 1876, and has been duly recognised by the Grand Chapter of Canada (Province of Ontario), by the other Grand Chapters of the Dominion and of the United States of America, and now exercises exclusive jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec; and the Grand Z. begs, therefore, fraternally to submit to the M.E. the Grand Chapter of England that, if the warrant of the long time extinct Victoria Chapter has not been remitted to the Grand Chapter of England, it ought now to be done for many obviously important reasons, and that if the said warrant has been so remitted and cancelled, the said chapter ought not to appear in what seems to be the official (published) list of English chapters as '440 Victoria Chapter, Montreal, Canada East, 4th Wed.'" "Be pleased, therefore, in the interests of capitular Masonry here, and in order that nothing therefrom may hereafter arise to disturb the relations of this Grand Chapter to the mother Grand Chapter of England, to have the necessary consideration given to this (to us) somewhat important matter, and to take such action anent the same as will accord with the now existing facts and circumstances. —I have the honour to be, yours fraternally,

"ANGUS GRANT, Grand Scribe E., G.C. of Quebec.

"COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., G.C. of England, Freemasons' Hall, London.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

"10th August, 1880.

"R.E. Comp. Angus Grant, G.S.E., Grand Chapter of Quebec.

"Dear Sir and R.E. Companion,—Having laid before the 1st Grand Principal your letter of the 28th of April last, requesting that the charter of the Victoria Chapter, No. 440, E.C., Montreal, should be withdrawn,

"I am directed by his Royal Highness to say that, as the chapter existed previous to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and as our Grand Superintendent reports that it is still in work, the 1st Grand Principal regrets that he is unable to accede to the request contained in your letter.—I am, dear sir and R.E. Companion, yours fraternally, "SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Scribe E."

"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF

QUEBEC.

"Office of the Grand Scribe E.

"Montreal, 8th October, 1880.

"Col. S. H. Clerke, Grand S.E. Grand Chapter R.A.M. of England.

"Dear Sir and R.E. Companion,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of August 20th in reply to mine of April 28th, aent the late Victoria Chapter, No. 440, E.C., Montreal; and I am directed by the M.E. the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, to say that it appears to him that the said reply received from you does not cover the important matters fraternally submitted, as a re-examination of the same will clearly show.

"In further support of the requests made in my communication of April last, the Grand Z. of Quebec desires that the following be duly submitted to H.R.H. the M.E. the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of England.

"In the year 1863, the then Victoria Chapter, No. 440, E.C., voluntarily surrendered and delivered up its warrant (English) to the Grand Superintendent of Montreal, registry of Canada, to be returned to England through the Grand Z. of Canada; and that the then members thereof, at the same time, petitioned for and received from the Grand Chapter of Canada, a warrant to form and constitute themselves into a new chapter entitled the Mount Horeb, Montreal, which was duly constituted in January, 1864, and is now No. 6 on the registry of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

"If the warrant of Victoria Chapter, surrendered as above, was not at once transmitted to England for cancellation, and if any communications have been received by the Grand Chapter of England purporting to come from the said chapter, the Grand Z. of Quebec is of opinion that very grave irregularities have been committed. It also appears to him that the question, whether the said Victoria Chapter existed prior to the 'Grand Chapter of Canada,' has no bearing on the matters at issue. It moreover appears, from official evidence in his possession, that the aforesaid Victoria Chapter did dissolve in the year 1863, and that the statement in your reply that, 'Our (your) Grand Superintendent reports that it is still in work,' does not appear to be founded in fact; and that, therefore, for these and other obvious reasons the Grand Z. of Quebec believes that the requests made to the M.E. the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of England in his communication of April last, ought at once to be fraternally complied with, as he has no doubt they will be, when the matter is fully investigated.—I am, dear sir and R.E. Companion, yours fraternally,

"ANGUS GRANT, Grand Scribe E."

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

"1st January, 1881.

"R.E. Comp. Angus Grant, G.S.E. Grand Chapter of Quebec.

"Sir and R.E. Companion,—I have had the honour to receive and lay before H.R.H. the M.E. the 1st Grand Principal of England, re your letter of the 8th October in reply to mine of the 20th August, 1880, on the subject of the request recently made by the M.E. the 1st Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, that the present charter of the English Royal Arch Chapter, No. 440, Montreal, should be withdrawn, in which you state that in the year 1863 that chapter 'voluntarily surrendered and delivered up its warrant to the Grand Superintendent of Montreal,' and with reference thereto, I am directed to point out that there is evidently some error in your information, as our Grand Superintendent of Montreal himself distinctly denies that such was the case, but explains that the charter in question was secretly abstracted by a portion of the then members of the chapter, who were about to secede therefrom, and without the knowledge or consent of the remainder, and that it was never placed in his hands. He further states that the chapter did not dissolve in 1863, but that, having in vain attempted to obtain the abstracted charter, he applied here for a charter of confirmation, which was duly granted, and he has very recently reported that the chapter is still in existence.

"With reference to your further paragraph—That it appears to your 1st Grand Principal that the question whether the said Victoria Chapter existed prior to the Grand Chapter of Canada, has no bearing on the matters at issue, I am likewise commanded to say that the 1st Grand Principal of England regrets he cannot agree with this view; on the contrary, his Royal Highness considers that the fact of our chapter having existed previous to the formation of your Grand Chapter is a very vital point, more especially remembering the reservations stipulated for as to our lodges at the time of the applications for recognition from your Grand Lodge, vide my predecessor's letters of the 31st March, 1875, and 6th December, 1877.

"I am, therefore, commanded by the 1st Grand Principal of England to inform you that his Royal Highness is unable to find in your letter of the 8th October last any reasons for setting aside the decision notified in my letter to you of the 20th August, 1880.—I have the honour to remain, sir and R.E. companion, yours fraternally,

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Colonel,
"Grand Scribe E. England."

"THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC.

"Office of the Grand Scribe E.,

"Montreal, P.Q., Canada, June 11th, 1881.

"R.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E. G.C. of England (London).

"Dear Sir and R.E. Companion,—By command of the M.E. Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec, I have (after some unavoidable delay, which I beg you kindly to excuse) the honour to reply to your communication by authority of H.R.H. the M.E. the 1st Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of England of date January 1st, 1881, in answer to mine of date August 20th, 1880, re the late Victoria Chapter, 440, E.R., Montreal.

"Yours of the above date contains the following extract: 'I am directed to point out that there is evidently some error in your (our) information, as our Grand Superintendent of Montreal (R.E. Comp. Badgely, late judge, &c., we suppose) himself distinctly denies that such was the case, but explains that the charter in question was secretly abstracted by a portion of the then members of the chapter, who were about to secede therefrom, and without the knowledge or consent of the remainder, and that it was never placed in his hands. He further states that the chapter did not dissolve in 1863, but that, having in vain attempted to obtain the abstracted charter, he applied here for a charter of confirmation, which was duly granted, and he has very recently reported that the chapter is still in existence.'

In fraternally replying to the above, I am commanded to state that the most searching enquiries of every kind, supplemented by the testimony of officers and members of the said late Victoria Chapter, 440, E.R., for the year 1862-63, several of whom are still alive, fail to show that there is any error in our information, or in the facts of the case as communicated to you heretofore by me; and I am further commanded to forward through you to H.R.H. the 1st Grand Principal of England the legally certified documents appended hereto, from the Past Grand 1st Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada (now Ontario), from the present Grand Scribe E. of the same, from the Past Grand Superintendent of the Montreal District, C.R., and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada; from the last 1st Principal of the late Chapter 440, E.R., and Past Grand Superintendent of Montreal District C.R. and Q.R., and from two Past Masters of St. George's Lodge, 440 E.R.; and marked respectively A to F, inclusive, which we are of opinion, will conclusively prove H.R.H. the Grand 1st Principal of England, that most, if not all, of the statements of your 'Grand Superintendent of Montreal,' contained in the forgoing extracts from your letter are, to speak in the mildest terms, 'wholly unfounded in fact.'

"It moreover appears to the Grand 1st Principal of Quebec that, if the said Victoria Chapter, 440 E. R., has received a duplicate charter and has been in existence since 1863-64 that such would be apparent from the Records of the Grand Chapter of England, and that you would be pleased to inform me of the same, and to communicate to me for the information and use of this Grand Chapter, and the names of the officers and members of the said Chapter, 440 E.R., for the past 17 years, or at least of those who claim to be or to have been officers and members of the same for the last four years, that is, since the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Quebec on December 12, 1896. I am directed to express the hope that this most reasonable request will speedily be complied with by you.

"Leaving certain other incidental matters aside for the present, at least, the question at issue is: Does the Grand Chapter of England intend to cause or to allow the said Chapter, 440 E.R., formerly situated in the city of Montreal, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, to be resuscitated under the auspices or by the action of the Grand Chapter of England, 17 years after the constitutional dissolution of the said Chapter No. 440, its regular re-organization by unanimous vote and petition of its then acting members into Mount Horeb Chapter, C.R., by the Grand Chapter of Canada, and by enrollment of the same on its Registry as No. 25, and four years after the formation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, in the organization of which the said Mount Horeb Chapter constitutionally took part, and is now enrolled as No. 6 on its Registry?

If so, the Grand Chapter of Quebec could not hold otherwise than the Grand Chapter of England would, in such case, be committing a grievous Masonic wrong against the Grand Chapter of Quebec, against capitular Masonry in this Province of the Dominion, and against the Craft in general.

"The Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec confidently hopes, however, that H.R.H., the 1st Grand Principal of England, will, on the contrary, unhesitatingly comply with the just and fraternal request in my former letters, by recalling and cancelling the said charter, and by the obliteration of the said 440 from the Registry of the Grand Chapter of England.—I have the honour to remain, yours fraternally,

"ANGUS GRANT,
Grand Scribe E., G. C. of Quebec."

"COPIES OF DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN LETTER OF DATE JUNE 11, 1881.

"Extract from the address of the M.E. Grand Z., T. D.

Harrington, Esq., delivered at the seventh annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, held in the City of Quebec, on the 9th day of August, A.D. 1864. (See printed proceedings of the aforesaid Grand Body, at page 248, for the said year):—

"Our Subordinate Chapters are, I have reason to believe, working harmoniously and successfully, but the reports of the several Grand Superintendents will give full information on this head. I have to report one additional Chapter, viz: 'The Mount Horeb,' held at Montreal. The petition came from certain companions belonging to the 'Victoria' R.A. Chapter, on the Registry of England, and was accompanied by a formal surrender of their English Warrant. Under the circumstances, and after consulting the Grand Superintendent of the Montreal District, I looked upon it in the light of the affiliation, and ordered a Canadian Warrant to be issued instead, free of fee except for registration, which action I request Grand Chapter to confirm."

Extract from an official letter, of date Sept. 24, 1880, to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, R.E. Comp. David Mc Lellan, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, (Hamilton, Province of Ontario):

"IN RE VICTORIA CHAPTER, E.R.

"In the report of R.E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Superintendent Montreal District, presented at the annual convocation held in Quebec 1864, I find the following:

"The old Warrant was surrendered to me for transmission to England, together with an application for a new Warrant under Canada. I forwarded the Warrant and the documents connected with it to the M. Ex. the Grand Z., who was pleased to comply with the request of the companions, and to grant a warrant authorising the formation of a new Chapter, under the name of the 'Mount Horeb' R.A. Chapter, No. 25, and I had the pleasure of constituting the chapter and installing the charter officers at the regular convocation in January, 1864. In April a new election took place, and I had also the pleasure of installing the officers elect at the next regular convocation."

"Montreal, Province of Quebec, March 12, 1881.

"I. H. Stearns, Esq., M.E. First Principal, Grand Chapter of Quebec.

"Dear Sir and Most Excellent Companion,—In answer to your enquiry respecting the surrender of Victoria Royal Arch Chapter, I have to say that in the fall of 1863 I was appointed Grand Superintendent of R.A. Masons for the Montreal district, and that soon after my appointment the companions of Victoria Chapter, then working under the Grand Chapter of England, unanimously resolved to surrender their English warrant and apply for a new warrant from the Grand Chapter of Canada. On receipt of the English warrant I forwarded it, together with the application for the new warrant, duly recommended, to the then Grand Principal Z. (M.E. Comp. T. D. Harrington), who was pleased to authorise the formation of a new chapter, under the name of 'Mount Horeb' R.A. Chapter, No. 25, and in January, 1864, I constituted the chapter and installed the officers under the new warrant. On the election of new officers in April of that year, as provided for in their Bye-Laws, I installed the officers elect at the following regular convocation. The matter was reported upon by me to the next annual convocation of Grand Chapter, and the action taken in regard to this subject was cordially approved by Grand Chapter. The printed report of the proceedings of Grand Chapter, 1864, will corroborate the foregoing statements, if any corroboration be necessary."

"I am certainly very much astonished to learn that any doubt should exist in any quarter respecting the regularity of the transaction, and it is almost incredible that any Royal Arch official in this neighbourhood should for a moment dream that Victoria Chapter is still in existence. It has had no existence since the period mentioned, 1863. The proceedings were all perfectly regular. The members were perfectly unanimous, and there cannot be a doubt whatever that any attempt to resuscitate a chapter under the old Victoria warrant, or a duplicate of it, ought to be strenuously resisted by the R.A. authority in this province. Victoria Chapter ceased to exist in the year above stated, and it is strange that any one should, after the lapse of such a period, manifest any disposition to have the question revived. To talk of the warrant being abstracted secretly in 1863 and no enquiry made regarding it until 1880 or 1881, would certainly indicate a very singular state of affairs. But, M.E. Sir, there was no abstraction—there was no difference of opinion amongst the members as to the course they were pursuing. Their whole proceedings, from first to last, was perfectly unanimous, regular and constitutional, and if ever there was a chapter legally dissolved in this world, that one was Victoria Chapter. Why, M.E. Sir, 'this thing was not done in a corner.' The papers of the day and the Masonic journals duly chronicled what had taken place, and it was known as generally as any other event to the Masons in the district, and up to this day I have never met one Mason who had any doubts as to the facts of the case or the regularity of the proceedings. I think there must be some mistake with regard to it. Is it not some other warrant than that of Victoria Chapter which is meant? It surely must be, for certain no member of that chapter ever complained, so far as my knowledge extends, and for the best of all reasons—that there was nothing whatever to complain about or object to, and if that were the case, so far as its membership was concerned, who else has any right to create trouble about it now? R.E. Comp. Milton was cognizant of the whole case, and I have no doubt will confirm what I have above stated.

"Sincerely trusting that this matter may not be thrust as an element of strife into the Masonic jurisdiction, I remain, M.E. Sir, yours most fraternally,

"A. A. STEVENSON,

"P.G. Supt. of R.A. Masons for the Dist. of Montreal,
"and P.G.M. G.L. of Canada.

"St. Gabriel, January 31st, 1881.

"I. H. Stearns, Esq., Grand Z., Grand R.A. Chap. Quebec.
"My Dear M.E. Grand Z.,—I have much pleasure in forwarding to you, through our Grand Scribe E., answers to questions mentioned in the communication to you of our M.E. P.G.Z., dated the 20th inst. I trust they will be satisfactory, and I beg to say that should I at any time be able to give further information, I will be most happy to do so. Yours fraternally,

"THOS. MILTON.

"1st. Victoria R.A. Chapter, No. 440 E.R., was formally dissolved on the 13th day of January, 1864, with the

consent of the parties concerned, when the charter was handed over to R.E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Supt. of Montreal Dist., in exchange for a new warrant from the Grand Chapter of Canada (Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 25, Grand Chapter of Canada, now No. 6, Grand Chapter of Quebec), said Victoria Charter to be returned by the Grand Chapter of Canada to the Grand Chapter of England.

"2nd. The charter of Victoria R.A. Chapter was not secretly abstracted by any one; it was placed in my charge during the time negotiations were pending regarding its surrender, and was safely laid away in the chapter room until said negotiations were completed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

"3rd. I cannot say whether the said charter was ever placed in the hands of Judge Badgely; it was placed in the hands of R.E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson by myself and the other members of the chapter, to be returned to England.

"4th. During the six months that intervened between the last meeting of Victoria Chapter and the first meeting of Mount Horeb R.A. Chapter, No. 25, no inquiries were made and no communication took place between Judge Badgely and the members of Victoria R.A. Chapter regarding the charter of said chapter, and no duplicate charter was received by him from England; he may have received a duplicate charter subsequent to, but not previous to, the surrender of said charter.

"5th. Victoria R.A. Chapter, No. 440, E.R., has no existence. Its last convocation was held on the 25th day of July, 1863; it has not met since except to dissolve as such and reform as Mount Horeb R.A. Chapter, No. 25, C.R.—it consequently has no officers, no members, and no place of meeting.

"The whole respectfully submitted.

"THOS. MILTON,

"P. Grand Supt. Montreal Dist.
(Mayor of the Municipality of St. Gabriel, near Montreal, P. Q.)"

"Montreal, Province of Quebec, April 29, 1881.

"The undersigned, a Past Master of St. George's Lodge, No. 440, E.R., located in the city of Montreal, hereby testifies that there is not now, and there has not been a chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the English or any other Constitution attached to such lodge or in any way connected with the same during the term of my office as Worshipful Master of said lodge, nor within my remembrance, and I hereby also affirm that I have been credibly informed that the Victoria Chapter, formerly attached to the aforesaid St. George's Lodge, was, by the unanimous vote of its then members, dissolved, and the charter thereof delivered to the Grand Superintendent of the Montreal District, Col. A. A. Stevenson, to be duly returned to the Grand Chapter of England during the year 1863-64.

CHARLES E. TORRANCE,
P.M. St. George's Lodge, 440, E.R.

"Montreal, 25th May, 1881.

"I. H. Stearns, Esq., Grand Z. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec (Montreal).

"Dear Sir and Most Excellent Companion,—In reply to your enquiry in regard to Victoria Chapter, formerly attached to St. George's Lodge, 440 E.R., I beg leave to say that, as far as I can learn, the said chapter has neither been opened or had any existence since some time in 1863 or 64.

"A few companions in St. George's Lodge (say 7 or 8) have all, with the exception of R.E. Comp. Badgely, been exalted in chapters under the Grand Chapters of Canada or Quebec, Yours very truly,

"J. S. McCONNELL.

"First Principal Z. Carnarvon Chapter, R.Q., and
P.M. Lodge 440, E.R.

"UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
21st November, 1881

"R.E. Comp. Angus Grant, G.S.E. Grand Chapter of Quebec.

"Sir and R.E. Companion,—I have duly received and submitted to his Royal Highness, the M.E. 1st Grand Principal of England, your further letter of the 14th June last, on the subject of chapter 440, Montreal, of our Registry, and I am commanded to inform you in reply that, after careful consideration of the same, His Royal Highness regrets he is unable to alter his decision in the matter as conveyed to you in my letter of the 1st January last, I have the honour to remain, Sir and R.E. Comp.

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Colonel,
"Grand Scribe E. of England."

"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC.

"Montreal, 25th January, 1882.

"Shadwell H. Clerke, Esq., Colonel, G.S.E. of England.
"Sir and R.E. Companion,—Yours of 21st November, ament Victoria Chapter, No. 440, duly received and submitted to the M.E. the 1st Grand Principal of Quebec.

"I am instructed to state that the Grand Chapter of Quebec requests a further consideration of the documents accompanying my communication of 11th June, 1881, as these documents contain *positive* evidence that the statements made by others to the Grand Chapter of England in reference to this matter are incorrect, and not founded on facts, but on the contrary, my communications are the only true account of this matter which you have received.

"The most diligent enquiries recently made among the craft here proves conclusively that no such body as the Victoria Chapter, No. 440, is claimed to be, is in existence here, or has held a convocation or conferred any degree in Masonry on any candidate since the Victoria Chapter, No. 440, surrendered its warrant to the Grand Chapter of England in A.D. 1863.

"The Grand Chapter of Quebec, through its duly qualified officers, refuses to acknowledge any of the claims made by the Grand Chapter of England in behalf of this so-called chapter, and hopes that the Grand Chapter of England will not do anything to disturb the peace and harmony of the craft in this jurisdiction by any act of aggression under its authority in behalf of this fictitious body, but will, on further consideration of documents already submitted, have the Victoria Chapter, No. 440, removed from its official list, I have the honour to remain, Sir and R.E. Companion, Yours fraternally,

ANGUS GRANT,
Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Quebec."

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MAS- TER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

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

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

INSTALLATION OF M.W. GRAND MASTER.

The Summer Half-yearly Communication of this Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 5th day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of Private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.
By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s. each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting, and 17s. 6d. if taken out on that day, and it is requested that every brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 2nd of June.

Grand Lodge Office.
3a, Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C.
25th May, 1883.

Note.—ALTERATION OF DATE OF FESTIVAL.

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FREDERICK BINCKES, (P.G.S., *V. Patron*),
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15th May, 1883.

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To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Masonic Chronicle," "The Citizen," "La Chaine
d'Union," "The Masonic Review," "The Hull Packet,"
"The Independent," "Bulletin Du Grand Orient De
France," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "The Court
Circular," "The Cheltenham Examiner," "The Jewish
Chronicle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Bridgewater
Mercury."



SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1883.

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.]

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

All who hold the opinion that our ancient laws and
landmarks should be strictly adhered to, and especially by
Grand Lodge, for example's sake, will, I think, feel as I do,

that we are under great obligation to the writer of the ex-
cellent letter in your issue of the 5th ult., signed "District
Grand Master." It is quite time that a strong stand should
be made against the practice of throwing overboard not only
the established usages, but the very Constitutions of our
Order whenever the small knot of brethren who appear to
rule Grand Lodge think fit to do so. When I speak thus of
this "junta," I do not wish to imply disrespect. They are
all—and each one of them—entitled to our highest respect
and regard; but they really ought to remember that how-
ever high their rank, and however near they may be able to
approach the person of our Royal Grand Master, they
ought to obey the laws of our Craft as implicitly as the
humblest Apprentice among us, and even more implicitly,
for (as I have said) *example's sake*, and this the brethren
to whom I am referring seem quite to forget or ignore.—
Yours fraternally,

DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been waiting since you were kind enough to
insert my letter *re* Masonic precedence for some denial of
the alteration in the Order, but there is no doubt it is
deliberate action on the part of some of the *Dii Majores*,
and I think most regrettable. In our language of symbols
there is nothing more appropriate and beautiful than the
volume from which we derive our faith and system of
government, being borne immediately in front of the
governing powers, and it is an ill omen to replace it by the
"almighty dollar" and the pen, to send the bearers of it
further down the line, for no reason but the idea that the
Grand Committee are getting too numerous.—Remaining,
very fraternally yours,
H. E. F., 452.

REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me space to say a few words on the above-
named subject. I see by the agenda paper for the business
of Grand Lodge to be holden on the 6th inst. a scheme will
be presented for the rebuilding and enlargement of the
Temple.

Without going fully into the question at this early stage,
I can venture an opinion that no scheme will be satisfactory
to members of the Craft—in London as well as in the pro-
vinces—which does not embrace ample accommodation for
those who have to transact Masonic business with the execu-
tive of Grand Lodge or with the Secretaries of our valued
and increasing Charitable Institutions, whose offices are
under the same roof, more particularly about the election
times. At present there is not a room, not even a desk,
where a Mason can write a letter, or a room in which to
await the arrival of any person you may have appointed to
meet.

I will only add an opinion that the so-called "strong
room," in which our valuable books and documents are
kept, is not sufficient for its purpose, and that everything
in it would be destroyed if a serious fire occurred. Trusting
that ample opportunity will be given for the consideration of
these very important matters and necessarily large expendi-
ture,—I am, sir, yours fraternally,

HENRY SMITH, P.M.

Saint John's, Wakefield, May 29th.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe by the agenda paper for the next
quarterly communication that an election will take place
for a portion of the Committee of management of the
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, by the nomination
of a brother who, whilst a member, of it some time since
rarely attended any of its meetings, and who, also being a
member of the Finance Committee, did not attend once
during the year, and strange to say that the brother nomi-
nating him is not even a subscriber of five shillings a year
to the Institution; and again the nominee is about to change
his residence from London to Bournemouth which would
still further militate against his chance of being able to
attend; while the brethren who have been on during the
past year have attended very punctually and been nomi-
nated for re-election.

I would therefore ask the Craft to vote for those nomi-
nated by Bro. Perceval and to leave the aforesaid brother
where he left the business of the Royal Masonic Benevolent
Institution when elected—alone.—Yours fraternally,

P.M.

[We publish the letter, but we are aware of no reason
why a brother should not propose another in Grand Lodge.
If the brother alluded to be the brother we think is intended,
we cannot agree with our correspondent at all. Ed. F.M.]

THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I fully concur with the writer of the unique
"Leadereite" in this week's issue of the *Freemason*.
To move Grand Lodge from Great Queen-street would be
inopportune and a great inconvenience to the majority of
the Craft. It is now situate in a most central position,
and easy of access, alike for provincial and town brethren.

We undoubtedly require, and must increase our present
accommodation, with due regard to future exigencies.

should not only like to see a good library and museum (as you suggest) but in addition, a club room, with suitable offices for the use of the Craft.

If the brethren do me the honour to elect me on the Board of General Purposes on Wednesday next, it will be my duty and pleasure to serve them to the best of my ability in restoring the Masonic Temple for the benefit of the Craft in general.—I am dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. F. STORR, P.M. and Treas., 22, &c.
Mayday Villa, Kentish Town,
May 28th.

GLAMORGAN LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

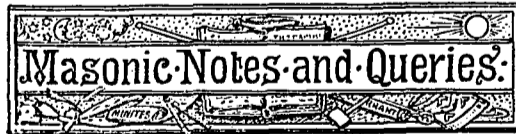
I should feel grateful if you will allow me to ask, through your columns, whether any of your correspondents have come across in their researches any records of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36? That the lodge was constituted in the year 1753, and the warrant renewed in 1777, we have evidence of; but we have no minutes of the proceedings until the year 1808. In that year the number of the lodge was 33, and remained so until the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

F. GARRETT HORDER, W.M. elect No. 36.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC. 1883.

This is the official publication of the Chapter of Quebec for 1883. We almost think at times it would be wiser if Foreign Grand Bodies imitated the wise reticence of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England as to official publications. We should all be spared many long-winded treatises, much useless expenditure of print, the wading through interminable reports which contain little that is new, and often are positively "nihil ad jeur." At the same time we say this, we feel bound honestly to admit, that there is another side to the question. Probably if we were in those distant regions and among outlying grand bodies, we should speak and think differently. Publication for them may be important, and we concede this further, that every now and then, like a needle in a bundle of hay, we light upon some one document which, important in itself, and valuable for evidence or remembrance, contains the lucubrations of the scholar, or sets forth the words and acts of some great doctor in our Masonic Israel. Every now and then also we come upon a controversial correspondence, but since as a rule controversy cannot do much good anyhow or anywhere, we always skip Masonic correspondence, as it is pretty sure to be unchantable and inconsequential in the highest degree. This annual report of the Grand Chapter of Quebec contains a correspondence with our Grand Chapter and our able Grand Scribe, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, which will be read with different feelings on each side of the Atlantic. They think in Canada they have a clear case. We shall think in England we have a clearer still. Whatever may be the explanation of the alleged dormancy of the chapter at Montreal, it seems, according to Cocker, that if the charter was granted before the foundation of the Grand Chapter at Quebec it is available still, unless the Grand Chapter of England ignores it on any technical ground, and that it necessarily comes under the provisions of the original Concordat with the Grand Lodge of Canada, which no subsequent creation of a G. Lodge or G. Chapter can affect; inasmuch as if the lodges have a legal position at Montreal, chapters which are the complement of English Craft Masonry have a legal status and existence necessarily too. In fact it becomes a case of "sequitur." Had the Grand Chapter of England sent out a warrant of creation or confirmation after the formation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, the Grand Chapter of Quebec, resting on the honourable and high-minded assurance of Lord Zetland, the case might have been somewhat different. But as it is the English Grand Chapter cannot give up loyal and legal chapters any more than the Grand Lodge of England can surrender up faithfully adhering lodges. This question, like the other of Craft Masonry proper in Quebec, can only be settled by the efflux of time, patience, and Masonic consideration.



183] PIPE ROLLS, &c.
The formation of a "Pipe Roll" Society for the publication of those ancient documents is a very reasonable move in a right direction, and may give us, if Sir F. Palgrave is correct, many evidences of the Masons—Masters, Fellows and Apprentices of medieval history. Even in "Privy Purse expenses" and the like we may find interesting items. In the privy purse expenses of Henry VII from 1491 to 1505, published in "Excerpta Historica" by Bentley in 1831, we find, as has been before pointed out in the "Freemason" the use of this word (though late) of "Freemason" and the names of several other Masons or Master Masons unknown to fame. For instance, in 1549, September 8th, we light upon this entry, "To William Este, Freemason, the first payments for making of Wodestock Hall, £11 1s., p. 99. In 1495, September 11th we hear of James Henley for making R. Richard's tomb £10. In 1496 we hear of Manney, the carpenter, p. 100. In 1498 we come across an interesting item about "Master Shaa" apparently the Master Mason of Master Bray, afterwards Sir Reginald Bray, who is said in our traditions to have been a Freemason and who is again mixed up with Abbot Islip and West, minster Abbey, and King Henry VII's chapel. In 1497, January 13th, there is a payment S. John Shaa, of £607 2s. 11d., a large sum now, in full payment of all his releny-

ings to this day as well for new yere's gifts, and making of diverse jewels, and setting and polishing of stones, as for money delivered by hym to Master Seymour for his workes at Windesour. It is not quite clear I admit that Shaa is a Master Mason, he seem to act at times as jeweller and banker. Whiting, a Mason at Andover is mentioned also specially in 1499. Master Esterfield is mentioned as making the kings tombe at Windsor in 1502. A Robert Fylle is mentioned in 1503, and Henry Smyth in 1505, for work at the Palace of Richmond.

MASONIC STUDENT.

184] TRADE GUILDS OF CONSTANTINOPLE.
It would seem from "All the Year Round" for April this year, that the Trade and Craft Guilds at Constantinople are very ancient, anterior to European Guilds. They consist of Masters, workmen, and apprentices. **ANTIQUARIUS.**



Craft Masonry.

NEW CONCORD LODGE (No. 813).—The members of the above successful lodge met on Thursday, the 24th ult., for the last time during the season, at Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. In the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. H. T. Tiddeman, W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. L. C. Haslip, I.P.M., acting as W.M. Present: Bros. J. Stilwell, S.W.; A. J. Potter, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Stevens, Chap.; T. J. Cusworth, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Harper, P.M., Sec.; P. Harnett, S.D.; F. Perl, D.C.; F. M. Wenborn, Org.; A. Perl, I.G.; E. Chubb, Steward; W. Pierpoint, P.M.; S. P. George, P.M.; H. J. Gabb, P.M.; and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. F. Richmond, 1695; J. H. W. Hayward, 617; and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382, 898 (*Freemason*).

The business before the meeting was to raise Bros. Brown and Walker, pass Bros. Allsop and Gadsby, to initiate a gentleman into the Order, after being duly balloted for, and to re-elect Bro. James Woodman a member of the lodge. The entire list of business was disposed of, Bro. Haslip rendering the ceremonies of the First and Second Degrees in the same able manner which recently marked his career of Master of the lodge, and Bro. Cusworth impressively rendering that of the superior Degree. All business being ended, and it may be noted in passing that the brethren of this lodge recognise the claims of the three grand Masonic Charities in a worthy manner, lodge was closed until after the usual summer vacation, and under the genial presidency of Bro. L. C. Haslip a capital banquet was discussed, giving evident satisfaction. Bro. Haslip duly honoured the usual loyal and Craft toasts, all of which were well received.

The Worshipful Master's position was heartily recognised on that brother's health being proposed by Bro. Cusworth, P.M.; and Bro. Haslip suitably responded on his own behalf, and explained the cause of Bro. Tiddeman's unavoidable absence from the lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next given, Bro. Haslip including in this toast Bros. Allsop and Gadsby, who were initiated last meeting.

After replies from Bro. E. C. Conrad and those two brethren, "The Visitors" come in for a hearty reception, Bro. Haslip remarking there had been but two visitors present until an old friend of his, Bro. Stephens, had just arrived. The brethren valued the presence of visiting brethren at the New Concord Lodge, and always extended them a hearty reception.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," severally responded to by Bros. Gabb, Pierpoint, George, and others; "The Masonic Charities," to which Bros. Cusworth and Gabb replied; and "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of Bro. Stephens.

An agreeable evening, enlivened with song and recitation, was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, given by our veteran Bro. Speight, P.M., &c.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—Presentation to the Grand Treasurer.—An emergency meeting of this lodge took place on Monday last at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, for the purpose of making a presentation to the Grand Treasurer, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Samuel Benton, M.D., W.M.; Alfred Brookman, I.P.M.; Samuel White, S.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, M.A., Chaplain; John Derby Allcroft, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Froom, S.D.; Edward Anderton, J.D.; George Vickery, I.G.; Arthur B. Hudson, Steward; Matthew R. Webb, Steward; Fredk. Crockford, Wine Steward; George Kenning, P.M.; Herbert Alder Smith, M.D.; Philip Saillard, Thos. Benskin, Joseph Lavender, John Larkin, Edmond Frank Brewster Fuller, Thomas George Vickery, George Rawlinson, Wm. Wilberforce Thompson, and James Shotter. Bros. William Wilberforce Thompson and James Shotter were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. in an able manner.

Bro. Dr. Benton, the W.M., then presented the insignia of Grand Treasurer, Craft, and Royal Arch to Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M. and Treasurer, accompanying it with some well-chosen remarks embodying the feelings of the whole of the members of the lodge.

Some routine work being concluded the brethren adjourned to dinner, presided over by the W.M., the speeches on this occasion being confined to "The Queen," "The W.M.," and "The Grand Treasurer." Considerable satisfaction was evinced by the brethren at the increased accommodation provided by Bro. Benskin in the addition of a new lodge and banqueting room.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 26th ult., when Bro. Henry Muggeridge installed Bro. Alfred Sack as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, who appointed Bros. Arnold, S.W.; Stampfer, J.W.; Haines, S.D.; Street, J.D.; Edmonds, I.G.; and Muggeridge, P.M., Sec.
The I.P.M., Bro. Darnell, is on his way to Melbourne for the benefit of his health, the Treasurer, Bro. J. Bagot

Scriven, P.G. Steward, is travelling in America for pleasure. Bro. Muggeridge, P.M. and Sec., gave notice of motion that the lodge become an annual subscriber to each of the Masonic Charities. In addition to the above there were present: Bros. E. F. Storr, P.M.; H. John, P.M.; Henbrow Underwood (who proposed three candidates for initiation); Edwin Dyer, Reddall, Woodthorpe, Boyce, Penney, Catling, Croger, Clark, and last but not least our most esteemed honorary member, Bro. H. G. Buss, A.G. Secretary. There were only two visitors, viz. Bros. Ernest Zwinzer, P.M. 715, and F. Lloyd, 108.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a very good attendance, including Bros. Thomas Edmondston, P.M. 1658, and 1669, as W.M.; Richard Poore, S.W., P.M.; Hakim, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; Henry M. Williams, Sec.; J. Jones, S.D.; S. G. Banks, J.D.; H. Hooper, I.G.; J. Harling, P.M.; George Moss, P.M.; W. H. Williams, P.M.; G. Norrington, R. R. Johnstone, G. Monk, Croucher, Pooler, Huddephol, and Routledge.

Lodge was opened in due form and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were unanimously confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Richardson having proved his proficiency was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. most efficiently and impressively, with Bro. Richardson as candidate. Lodge was regularly closed down to the First Degree. The Audit Committee, Bros. Knight, Poore, and Richardson, appointed at the previous meeting, brought up their report upon the accounts for the past year, which show a small balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The books and accounts had been most carefully and accurately kept by the Secretary, Bro. Williams, while every single voucher required by the Auditors had been produced by the Treasurer, Bro. Phillips. The Audit Committee therefore have considered that the best thanks of the lodge were due to these brethren for their zeal and ability in conducting the financial business of the lodge. Resolutions were unanimously carried conveying the thanks of the lodge for their very efficient and valuable services since the formation of the lodge, and re-electing them in their several offices for the ensuing year, to the following brethren: Bros. E. A. Francis and Thos. Poore, P.M., &c., as joint Preceptors; C. H. Phillips, as Treasurer; and Henry M. Williams, as Secretary. It was duly proposed, seconded, and resolved unanimously, "That Bro. C. H. Phillips, Treasurer, and Henry M. Williams, Secretary, having rendered essential service to the lodge, first as founders, and secondly as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, be and are hereby (in accordance with by-law, No. 13) elected honorary members of the lodge with all privileges." Further resolutions were passed thanking the Auditors for their services, to the host, Bro. Monk, for providing every necessary for the comfort of the lodge, for his care of the lodge furniture, and his help at the musical portions of the meetings. On the motion of the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Williams, Secretary, Bro. George Norrington, No. 1669, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. R. Poore was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed in due form in peace and harmony.

The brethren subsequently met for refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently given from the chair and enthusiastically received by the brethren. Bros. Johnstone, Monk, and Williams contributed to the excellent musical programme of the evening.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE...Lodge of Industry. (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Industry Masonic Hall, when there was a fair attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened soon after 7 p.m., by the W.M. Bro. John Moulton, supported and assisted by the following P.M.'s and officers: Bros. J. G. Smith, I.P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M., M.C.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; M. H. Dodds, P.M.; Wm. Garbutt, S.W.; W. F. Carmon, as J.W.; W. M. Pybus, Sec.; E. Shrewbrooks, S.D.; Wm. Dalrymple, J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. F. Raeburn, S.S.; and T. Thompson, J.S. Amongst the members and visitors present we noticed Bros. W. Whitfield, W. Stafford, J. G. Joicey, G. H. Dexter, A. Simpson, G. G. Davidson, Thomas Graham, R. Tate, John Patterson, A. McDougall, P.M. 1119; A. W. Roberts, 1119; William Smith, W.M. 1342; Thomas Dinning, J.W. 406; J. Calvert, J.D. 991; E. Marston, S.W. and W.M. elect, 1676; L. Jukster, 240; J. Taylor, 949; W. Mitchinson, 80; F. Graham, 1342; J. F. Schollar, 1342; W. Mathieson, 481; F. Liddicoat, 481; and others.

After the preliminary business, the ballot was taken for Messrs. George Dunn, Charles Carter, and Corbett Gourlay, all of whom were elected. Mr. George Dunn being in attendance, was initiated by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. W. F. Carmon, acting J.W. Bro. John Patterson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. J. G. Smith, I.P.M., explained the working tools. Two candidates for initiation were proposed. The W.M. received the good wishes of the visitors and the proceedings were brought to a close.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the refreshment board and enjoyed themselves for the remainder of the evening with the usual Masonic toasts, songs and glees.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—At the regular May monthly meeting of the lodge, Bro. C. McNamara, W.M., in the chair, and supported by his officers, there was a splendid gathering of the officers and brethren of the lodge, together with several Provincial Grand Officers and other visitors, among whom were Bro. R. Hudson, the Prov. Grand Secretary.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place. Bro. George Kirby, W.M., in the chair. There being also present Bros. G. Garbutt, S.W.; Dr. Draper, J.W.; Joseph Todd, P.M., Treas.; William Smith, Sec.; H. Foster, S.D.; F. G. Hodgson, J.D.; T. Sanderson, Org.; S. Border, I.G.; Mark Rook, P.M., D.C.; A. Haffner, P.M.; A. H. McGachen, P.M.; George C. Lee, P.M.;

A. Buckle, B.A., P.M.; and numerous other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bros. J. J. Leeman, M.P. for York, and E. R. Dodsworth were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Garbutt, S.W. Bro. Wm. Newton Stimpson, was raised to the Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Bro. M. Rooke, P.M., D.C., explaining the working tools. Four gentlemen were proposed as candidates for Freemasonry, and two brethren as joining members. The lodge was afterwards duly closed.

JERSFY.—St. Aubins Lodge (No. 958).—The installation meeting of this highly influential lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, when there was a large attendance of members and a considerable number of visitors, among whom were Bros. the V.W. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; A. C. Godfrey, W.M. 877; P. E. Sohier, P.G.S. 877; G. J. Renouf, P.G.S.W.; S. Gilley, P.M. 491; J. H. Elliott, P.M. 491; H. Espradoux, P.M. 244; and W. Fentum, Org. 244.

After reading the minutes and other formal business the W.M., Bro. J. C. Pallot, addressed the lodge, and Bro. Thos. Baudains, the W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation. Having given his assent to the ancient charges he was then obligated and afterwards presented to a board of installed Masters, in the presence of whom he was formally installed into the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, Bro. J. G. Pallot, who was highly complimented by the Deputy Grand Master, for his very creditable performance of the arduous task allotted to him. Bro. Baudains appointed his officers for the coming year as follows: Bros. J. G. Pallot, I.P.M.; F. D. Wallis, S.W.; H. E. Pooie, J.W.; N. Newbegin, S.D.; H. Farrar, J.D.; G. Ninnin, I.G. During the ceremony Bro. W. H. Chapman, P.M., acted as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. W. Fentum, as Organist. Bro. Pallot then delivered the orations to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and the ceremony, the whole of which had been worked in the most perfect manner, was brought to a termination.

The new W.M., Bro. Thos. Baudains, who is very much esteemed by the brethren of the province invited those present to the annual banquet. About 65 brethren accepted the invitation and adjourned to the banquet hall, which presented a most brilliant appearance, the banquet worthy of the occasion and was handsomely served, under the genial supervision of our respected Bro. G. Rogers. During the evening the usual toasts were proposed and responded to and several songs were given. Altogether the evening was one not to be soon forgotten by the brethren, who expressed themselves highly delighted with the whole of the arrangements. Bro. W. H. Chapman, the respected Treasurer of the lodge, and one of the Stewards superintended the proceedings in connection with the festival which proved a decided success.

HEATON NORRIS.—Egerton Lodge (No. 1030).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the St. John's Festival celebrated on Monday, the 21st ult., at the George Hotel. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. B. Hamond, W.M.; A. Pemberton, S.W.; E. G. Lingard, Treas.; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., Sec.; Kenneth Maclean, S.D.; S. Kershaw, J.D.; G. Baker, I.G.; J. W. Abbott, P.M., D.C.; G. L. Vaughan, I.P.M.; T. Meadows, P.M.; F. B. Stopler, P.M.; W. Meadows, P.M.; A. E. Fearn, P.M.; H. Dawson, P.M.; Tyler; Will A. Vaughan, J. L. Vaughan, P.M., P.P.G.R.; R. Basnet Preston, and Oswald Wilkinson. Visitors: Bros. E. J. Cummings, P.M. 1459; W. Cole, W.M. 1588; H. Barlow, 261; J. H. Goulden, 323; J. T. Cartwright, 1166; J. Hibbert, 1166, P.P.G.R.; Wm. Booth, P.M. 104; J. Holdsworth, 993; W. Clage, 267; Tom Nash, P.P.G.R.; Francis Preston, W.M. 104; Thos. Axon, S.D. 1957; J. G. Brownley, P.M. 1375; G. A. Yates, W.M. 993; J. A. Birch, W.M. 287; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; D. D. Brown, W.M. 323; R. Barlow, W.M. 1147; and R. R. Liserden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in the usual manner and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The annual balance-sheet was reported upon by the Auditors and adopted. After the usual preliminaries the W.M. elect, Bro. Abraham Pemberton, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. J. B. Hamond, and with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. was proclaimed to, and saluted by, the brethren on their reappearing in the lodge. The W.M. then appointed his officers, and they were accordingly invested by the Installing Master as follows: Bros. Kenneth Maclean, S.W.; E. G. Lingard, J.W.; Oswald Wilkinson, Treas.; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., Sec. (fourth time); S. Kershaw, S.D.; Geo. Baker, J.D.; J. W. Abbott, P.M., Treas.; J. Cookson, I.G.; and H. Dawson, Tyler. Bro. W. H. Vaughan, P.M., delivered the address to the W.M., Bro. E. P. Fearn, P.M., to the Wardens, and Bro. J. W. Abbott, P.M., to the brethren. It will thus be noticed that the whole of the installation ceremony was performed, and well performed, too, by members of the lodge. When "Hearty good wishes" had been given by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards sat down to one of those recherché banquets for which this hotel is famous, and, on its conclusion, the usual loyal and Masonic toast were duly honoured.

In response to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bros. Tom Nash, P.P.G.R., and John Chadwick, P.G. Sec., acknowledged the compliment, the latter brother expressing the pleasure he felt at all times in visiting the Egerton Lodge, which he said was one of the most select lodges in the province. Bro. Chadwick went on to say that it was very gratifying to see the brethren work the ceremony of installation so harmoniously as they had done that day, and not have to go elsewhere for assistance. He was present in the lodge 18 years ago when Bro. Hart was installed W.M., and since that time the lodge had appeared to him to have enjoyed an uninterrupted run of success.

Bro. J. B. Hamond, I.P.M., proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that Bro. Pemberton had worked his way up step by step to his present position, and all who knew him could testify how worthily he deserved it.

The toast was heartily responded to by the brethren. The W.M. after thanking Bro. Hamond for his kind remarks and the brethren for so heartily responding to the

toast said he was sure by this time the brethren were aware that he was not a great talker, at the same time he trusted he should prove himself a good worker. He had been very pleased to see so many present that day at his installation, and trusted the visitors would come again. The Worshipful Master continuing said that he had been brought forward much quicker than he expected, as it was but seven years last October since he was initiated. He only hoped he should be able to show to the brethren of the Egerton Lodge that he was worthy of their confidence. He should certainly try to do his best, and if he failed it would not be for the want of trying.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and spoke most highly of the manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the last twelve months, and also of the ability he had that day displayed as Installing Master. As a slight acknowledgment of such services the W.M. said he had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Hamond with a Past Master's gold jewel, and hoped he would live many years to wear it amongst them.

Whilst the W.M. pinned the jewel on Bro. Hamond's breast the brethren, by whom he is much liked, exhibited their approval by loud applause. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

The I.P.M. in a few well-chosen sentences returned thanks.

Bro. J. L. Vaughan, P.P.G.R., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was received with great pleasure by the members of the lodge, and heartily drunk.

The toast was responded to by Bro. Major Francis Preston, W.M. 104, who delivered one of his humorous speeches, Bro. Tom Nash, P.P.G.R., and others.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to, and after spending a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated before 11 o'clock.

During the intervals between the toasts songs were sang by Bros. R. R. Lisenden, Booth, and others, the accompaniments being skillfully executed by Bro. Wm. Cole, W.M. 1588.

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

The monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., when there was a very large attendance at the closing gathering prior to the summer two months' vacation. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. Savage, W.M., and amongst his official supporters were Bros. J. Atkinson, I.P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.P.G.R.; R. Brown, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. L. Shrapnell, S.W.; R. Burgess, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; J. O. Marples, I.G.; J. J. Monk, Org.; H. Round, S. Buchanan, S.; W. Addis, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members whose names appeared on the register of the Tyler were Bros. D. Cumming, W. Calder, Luigi Lablache, Sam Hague, E. Graham, I. Jacobs, J. Rawsthorne, H. Williams, T. L. Duncan, W. E. Stone, J. Ballard, J. Chambers, J. Hout, W. S. Cook, Fred. Vetter, E. Wilson, F. A. Macpherson, J. B. Macpherson, Dr. Allen, H. Cooke, W. Coates, J. Bramham, I. Knott, F. Duncauson, W. Hildyard, Ben Hughes, Walter Bramley, Oliver Merchant, W. J. Campion, J. Boardman, and R. W. Hughes. The visitors included Bros. T. H. Hitchen, J.D., 1908; J. Acton, 1908; A. J. Bolton, 594; F. J. Pentin, P.M. 1713; J. Keet, I.P.M. 1356; W. Constable, W.M. 292; W. Tucker, 768; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; J. Bushfield, 216; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; and R. W. South, 704.

The minutes read by Bro. J. M. Boyd, contained the following letter which had been addressed to Mrs. E. Saker, lessee of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, conveying the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the brethren in connection with the great loss she sustained by the death of her husband, connected with the Dramatic since its foundation.

"Liverpool, April 27th, 1883.

"Mrs. Saker.—Dear Madam.—At a very numerous attended and thoroughly representative meeting of the members of the Dramatic Lodge, held on Tuesday last, it was proposed, on the motion of Bro. Frank Emery, seconded by Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, and supported by Bro. J. Atkinson, and unanimously resolved, that the deepest sympathy of the brethren should be conveyed to you in the sad bereavement you have sustained by the death of your husband.

"Bro. Saker was held in high esteem not only in the Dramatic Lodge, but throughout the Masonic Province of West Lancashire, and all who were thus associated with him feel his death a personal loss, for which we sincerely mourn. Upon you, however, the blow has fallen with special severity, and we trust our sincere condolence with you in your trial will in some measure lighten the weight of your grief. Our earnest hope is that true consolation will be given to you by the Great Architect of the Universe, and that you and the five fatherless children cast upon your care will be sustained and guided in the hour of your greatest tribulation.

"The members of the lodge also desire me to express their earnest hope that great success may attend your active management of a theatre of which Liverpool feels justly proud, and that, under your direction, it may continue to enjoy that measure of prosperity which followed your lamented husband's long and honourable connection with it as lessee."

At a subsequent part of the proceedings the Secretary read the following reply, which will be entered on the minutes of the Dramatic Lodge:

"64, Sloane-street, Belgravia, London,

"April 28th, 1883.

"Dear Sir,—I cannot find words to express my deep gratitude for the sincere sympathy shown me by the members of your lodge. I know my beloved husband was always much interested in the Dramatic Lodge, and often expressed to me his disappointment at being unable to attend more frequently, as it was a real pleasure to him; but his health was so uncertain, and he suffered so much and so uncomplainingly, that few knew except myself how bravely, and with what angelic patience he endured his great trial. I am sure if he can see us now it will be an additional ray of happiness to know how good you all are to the wife and children whom he adored. Thank God! it was the greatest joy this earth could afford him to be with us; he seemed to live for us alone.

"Please convey to all the gentlemen who have spoken so beautifully of him, and from my heart I thank them, and will try, if strength is given me, to carry out the work so well begun by my darling.

"I am, yours sincerely,

"MARIE SAKER."

The Third Degree was given with impressiveness and efficiency in the course of the afternoon, and at the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to banquet, after which several capital songs and recitations were given by Bros. Edgar Wilson, W. G. Stone, J. Busfield, and R. W. South; the accompaniments being played by Bros. Burgess and Monk. The toasts were given and responded to most cordially, and before separating the W.M. expressed a strong hope that the brethren would enjoy the two months' holiday season with zest, returning to their Masonic duties in August with renewed health and strength.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Queen's Hotel, when there was a very large muster, upwards of 40 brethren being present. The object of the meeting was the initiation into Masonry of the Lord Mayor of York (Alderman Thomas Varry), who had been proposed in emergency by letter in view of the visit of the Grand Master to York in July, when the foundation stone of the new Institute will be laid by him with Masonic honours. The W.M., Bro. M. Millington presided, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; Geo. Simpson, P.M.; Geo. Balford, P.M.; J. Blenkin, S.W.; and most of the other officers. Several visiting brethren were also present from 236, 1991, and from other parts of the provinces. The ballot having been taken the candidate was introduced and duly initiated Bros. T. B. Whythead acting as W.M., and J. S. Cumberland as conducting Deacon, and also giving the charge.

After the close of the lodge the brethren and their guests met at supper, after which the usual toast list was duly honoured. In responding to the toast of his health the Lord Mayor said he was pleased to have become a member of an Order so ancient and of such high standing, and he should be very glad to place the Guildhall and the Mansion House at the service of the Order on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master. A most harmonious evening was spent, enlivened by songs and glees.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Ewell Lodge

(No. 1851).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Sun Hotel on Saturday, the 26th ult., when a large gathering of visitors and members assembled. The lodge being opened in due form, Mr. John O. Connell was initiated into Freemasonry in an impressive manner by Bro. W. H. Paddle, W.M., who was ably supported by his officers. Bro. Paddle then installed his successor, Bro. Geo. Moss, P.M. 1201, into the chair of K.S., the work being carried out perfectly. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Paddle, I.P.M.; G. J. Dunkley, S.W.; H. H. Room, J.W.; E. A. Baber, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Treas.; G. W. Saul, P.M. 1201, Sec.; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256, S.D.; H. Sibley, J.D.; F. Rush, I.G.; H. Youens, D.C.; L. F. Dupre and T. P. Wedgwood, Stewards. Bro. Bowler was again invested Tyler. After the installation the W.M. presented to Bro. W. H. Paddle, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, a jewel, set with brilliants, as a mark of esteem for the unvarying kindness and energy displayed by him during two successive years of office as W.M.

An enjoyable dinner was afterwards served in the hotel by Bros. Bond and Fraying, the excellent hosts, and the evening was enlivened by some good vocal and instrumental music, to which the visitors materially contributed.

In responding to the toast of "The Health of the Prov. Grand Officers for Surrey," Bro. Chas. Greenwood, P.G. S.B., Prov. G.S.W., testified to the pleasure he felt at the prosperity of the Ewell Lodge, at the consecration of which he had assisted, and referred to the members of the lodge (Bros. A. E. Taylor, Baber, and Paddle) who held Provincial Grand rank as a proof of the discrimination of the Prov. Grand Master in rewarding merit to the various brethren under his jurisdiction, which he (Bro. Greenwood) stated to be no easy matter for decision among so many good Masons in the province.

It was stated during the meeting that a warrant had been granted for a chapter in connection with the Ewell Lodge, to be shortly consecrated.

Among the visitors were Bros. S. Lloyd, W.M. 1201; G. L. Bigley, P.M. 1298; H. E. Cooper, J.W. 1298; C. A. Walker, 858; J. F. Mayfield, 1298; C. Davison, 1541; A. T. Foreman, 1201; J. G. Potter, P.M. 11; L. Mills, P.M. 49; S. T. Williams, 1261; G. Haras, 1694; C. Cooke, 1694; S. Bygrave, 1658; J. G. Rush, 1201; and R. Poore, 1949. The following members of the lodge were present: Bros. W. H. Paddle, G. Moss, A. E. Taylor, E. A. Baber, G. Saul, J. G. Dunkley, H. H. Room, W. Parker, H. Sibley, F. C. Rush, H. Youens, C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.S.W.; J. T. Akerman, J. F. Dupree, T. P. Wedgwood, A. Cooke, J. O. Connell, C. N. Pochin, and T. Poore.

INSTRUCTION.

SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).—This lodge which has resumed its meetings at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, held its regular meeting on Monday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. J. S. Fraser, W.M.; G. Jones, P.M., S.W.; W. Fraser, J.W.; Penneck, Deacon; F. Brown, P.M., I.G.; C. H. Webb, Preceptor; and others.

The work done included a working of the Second Ceremony and Sections of the First Lecture. Lodge was closed earlier than usual to discharge the worthy duties of the Second City Masonic Charitable Association whose successful career we have several times had the pleasure of noticing. One ballot was declared. Bros. J. Newton, P.M., President, F. Brown, P.M., Vice-President. J. S. Fraser, W.M. 174, Sec., and G. W. Verry, P.M., Treas., may be congratulated upon the continued success of this admirable undertaking.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 26th ult. The following were present: Bros. Dixie, W.M.; Gribbell, S.W.; Venning, J.W.; Weeden, S.D.; Wolf, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; Lorkin, Preceptor; Galer, Sec.; Brasted, Houghton, Manger, Lone, and Ziedman. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brasted having offered himself a candidate was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Manger answered the

questions leading to the Third Degree, but was not entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, with the traditional history, Bro. Lone being the candidate. The W.M. worked the Second Section of the Lecture, assisted by Bro. Gribbell. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Ziedman, 1196, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Gribbell was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till to-morrow (Saturday), when the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections. We trust that brethren will muster as strongly as possible, so as to give them a hearty reception, as the co-operation of the members of different lodges tends greatly to diffuse the light of knowledge, and adds very considerably to the support of our Masonic Institutions.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—This lodge met as usual at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on Tuesday, the 29th inst. Present: Bros. Lineker, W.M.; J. L. Anderson, S.W.; W. Hawes, J.W.; W. Cross, Sec., as Preceptor; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; G. Price, J.D.; McNish, I.G.; Stephens and Eilingford. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably worked, Bro. Stephens acting as the candidate. The same brother was satisfactorily tested, and on lodge being advanced the ceremony of passing was capitally worked, Bro. Stephens as candidate. Bro. Lineker next opened the lodge fully and closed down, also calling lodge off for refreshment. After this lodge was called on, and after the usual business Bro. Hawes was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Lodge was solemnly closed and the brethren separated after having passed a highly pleasing and enjoyable meeting.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, when the following were present: Bros. Chalfont, W.M. 1425, W.M.; Wickens, J.D. 436, S.W.; Hardy, 201, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, W.M. 1543, Sec.; Smout, W.M. 1642, S.D.; Jubal Webb, S.D. 55, J.D.; Vincent, 1139, I.G.; Cursons, 1681, Steward; Keeble, P.M. 1426; Eaton Fanning, W.M. elect 1706; Ferris, Rhind, Mote, Masefield, D. Stroud, Coop, Robinson, C. J. Craig, E. Morton Daniel, 1694; and Bro. T. Evans, 499, St. Andrew's, Sydney, as a visitor. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eaton Fanning being the candidate. Bro. Ferris was passed. The Third Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Read. The following were elected joining members: Bros. Eaton Fanning, W.M. elect Orpheus Lodge; E. M. Daniel, J.D. 1694; and C. J. Craig, S.D. 1223. Bro. Wickens was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. Bro. J. Rainbow, J.W. 94, was the acting W.M. on the occasion, and ably discharged the opening and closing of the lodge and the ceremonies of the First and Second Degrees. Bro. G. C. Watson, P.M. 97, was the Preceptor, and the acting W.M. was supported by Bros. M. Frampton, P.M.; J. Hudson, P.M.; J. Smart, P.M. 94; C. McNamara, W.M.; J. H. Leech, P.M. 97; A. T. Munro, P.M. 949, P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Kirtley, S.W. 949; and others. Bro. J. C. Moor, S.W. 97, was acting S.W., and Bro. Garrick, S.D. 94, acting J.W.

Royal Arch.

ST. HELEN'S.—Chapter of Loyalty (No. 897).—The members of this chapter met at the Masonic Rooms, on Friday, the 28th ult., when the chapter was opened by the Three Principals at four o'clock, the Installing Principal being John Pemberton, P.Z. 1094, P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Comps. Marrow, I.P.Z.; Alpass, P.G.S.E.; and H. Williams, P.P.G.S.B. The Principals installed were: Comps. J. Dunn, M.E.Z.; C. C. Wilson, M.E.H.; J. S. White, M.E.J.; and the officers were Comps. G. Beilby, S.E.; D. M. F. Gaskin, S.N.; J. J. Tickle, P.S.; W. Loder, Treas.; J. Jackson, Org.; J. H. Roughsedge, Asst. S.; J. L. Wolfenden, Asst. S.; and J. Taylor, Janitor. The chapter was closed and a banquet was subsequently served at the Fleece Hotel.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Chapter (No. 1496).—The installation meeting of this flourishing and well worked chapter was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side. There were present Comps. W. S. Watson, M.E.Z.; J. R. Lever, H.; S. D. McKellen, J.; G. Burslem, Scribe E.; D. Johnson, Scribe N.; J. C. Gillman, P.P.G.J. (West Lancashire), Treas.; G. Hunt, 1st Assist. Soj.; R. White, 2nd Assist. Soj.; H. P. Jones, P.Z.; J. McGrath, W. Biggs, J. Blum, and W. Hill, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. W. Nicholl, M.E.Z. 317; J. G. Elderton, 317; A. H. Jeffries, Scribe E. 993; A. B. Outram, Scribe N. 993; and S. Davies, 204. The Treasurer's statement was of a most satisfactory nature, and Comp. Blum, one of the Auditors, in moving its adoption, referred in highly complimentary terms to the manner in which the books and accounts of the chapter were kept by Scribe E., Comp. Burslem. The motion was seconded by Comp. Biggs and adopted. A ballot was then taken for Bros. Daniel Edwards, W.M. 1993, and R. Walker, J.W. 1052; who had been regularly proposed for exaltation. The ballot proving to be unanimously in their favour, those brethren were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree by Comp. Gillman who had been requested to undertake the duty by the M.E.Z., who was suffering from a severe cold. The working of Comp. Gillman and the officers of the chapter was perfect, and the beautiful ceremony was much enjoyed by the companions present. Subsequently the Three Principals for the ensuing year were installed by Comp. Gillman in their respective chairs as follows: Comps. J. R. Lever, M.E.Z.; S. D. McKellen, H.; and D. Johnson, J. The companions being admitted the Principals were proclaimed and saluted, and the officers were then invested in the following order: Comps. Burslem, S.E.; J. C. Gillman, P.P.G.J., Treas.; R.

White, S.N.; G. Hunt, P.S.; W. Biggs, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Blum, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and W. Hill, Janitor. The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to refreshment, and the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily received. "The Health of the Exaltees" was given by the M.E.Z., who in the name of the chapter expressed the pleasure it afforded him to welcome as members of the Royal Arch Degree brethren who had proved themselves such good and true Masons in the Craft. Comps. Edwards and Walker responded; and the companions shortly afterwards separated, having spent a most instructive and pleasant evening.

Mark Masonry.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 188).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br., &c., W.M.; Sanders, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey, P.M. acting S.W.; Handel, J.W.; Piller, M.O.; Briggs, S.O.; W. Hammond, P.G.S., P.M. Sec.; Harrison, Tyler; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, apologies for non-attendance were read from Bro. W. Taylor, Fisher, J. Stevens, and others. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The only toasts given were "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "The Grand Officers" and "The W.M."

Cryptic Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Council (No. 8).—A meeting of the brethren of this council was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on the 26th ult. Comps. Walter Milner, T.I.M.; Wm. Brackenbury, D.T.I.M.; J. D. Murray, P.C. of W.; W. M. Wyld, Recorder; and others being present. The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the following brethren, who had been previously balloted for, were admitted and received into the Degrees of M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M. Bros. Edwin Evaleigh, 1219; H. C. Miller, P.M. 1011; W. J. Cunliffe, S.W. 317; and Wm. Nicholl, P.M. 317. The excellent manner in which the ceremony was performed reflected great credit upon Comp. Milner, T.I.M., who was ably assisted by Comps. Murray and Wyld in the varied duties of the council. An apology was offered by Bro. Murray on behalf of Bro. F. A. Huet, who was unavoidably absent. The members then adjourned to the banquet room where an excellent repast was spread, and after the removal of the cloth the usual toasts customary in this degree followed, and afterwards "The Health of the T.I.M. of No. 8 Council."

Bro. Milner having replied then gave "The Newly-admitted Brethren." This toast having been cordially received, Bro. William Nicholl responded in a very able manner on behalf of himself and the others. The proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable nature, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Rosicrucian Society.

LEEDS.—York College.—On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the summer meeting of this college was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. There were present R.W. Fras. T. B. Whythead, Chief Adept of the Province; W. Rowley, acting Suffragan; T. W. Holmes, Prov. G. Sec.; C. L. Mason, Celebrant; J. Moncks, as P.A.; J. L. Atherton, as S.A.; R. W. Moore, T.A.; C. Palliser, Q.A.; T. Trevor, C. of N.; G. Ayre, as G.T.; and Rev. W. C. Lukis, as Deputy.

The M.C. having been formed, a ballot was taken for a number of candidates, and the following who were in attendance were accepted and received: Bros. C. D. H. Drury, M.D., P.M. 1379; J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1018; W. Brown, 1511; Robert Craig, P.M. 304; W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304; and F. Waddington, 304. The ceremony having been completed, the Celebrant called upon Fra. Moore, who delivered a most interesting address upon the old Templar Preceptory, of Temple Hirst, near Selby. Going into minute details as to the Order, and especially with reference to the condition of the Temple Hirst Preceptory at the time of its suppression. A vote of thanks was passed to Fra. Moore, and the paper was ordered to be printed.

Fra. Rev. W. C. Lukis made some interesting remarks respecting an ancient Templar seal lately found near Temple Hirst, and in the possession of Bro. T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; and he acceded to the request of the meeting that his remarks should be embodied in the publication of Fra. Moore's paper.

The report of the Bye-laws' Committee was read and adopted. It was arranged that, if possible, the next meeting should be held at Rievaulf Abbey, on the Saturday of the third week in August. Several proposals of candidates were made, and the M.C. was dissolved. The fratres subsequently met at tea, under the presidency of the Celebrant, and a very pleasant evening was spent in the discussion of various subjects connected with Masonry in its varied branches.

Australia.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

At the Quarterly Communication holden at the Freemasons Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, on Wednesday, April 4th, there were present the R.W. Arthur Hardy, D.G.M., in the chair; W. Bros. T. E. F. Seabrook, as D.D.G.M.; R. E. Lucy, as D.G.S.W.; Bro. Rev. F. S. Poole, D.G. Chaplain; W. Bros. J. H. Cunningham, D.G. Secretary; J. C. Ferguson, D.G.D. of Cers.; S. Solomon, D.G.J.W.; H. M. Addison, D.G. Treas.; Frank Makin, D.G.J.D.; Bro. James Shakespeare, D.G. Org.; W. Bro. John

Holman, as D.G. Purs.; W. Bro. Frank Olifent, and Bros. Harry Turner and Fred. H. Wigg, D.G. Stwds.; W. Bro. N. Kildael, D.G. Tyler; Bros. C. S. Poole, P.M. 649; J. P. Benbow, P.M. 649; D. Morris, W.M. 583; W. Baldwin, S.W. 598; Philip Sansom, S.W. 423; and G. G. Martin, J.W. 598. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Susman, D.G. Treas. Tasmania; R. H. Leeder, 583; P. P. Baldwin, 598; Thos. Watt, 423; A. W. Logan, 1316; T. Collier, 598; and J. W. Rail, 427 (I.C.).

The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. Apologies for non-attendance were received and accepted from W. Bros. H. E. Downer, D.D.G.M.; M. Salom, D.G.S.W.; J. Rudall, D.G. Reg.; L. L. Furner, D.G.J.D.; H. C. Mais, D.G. Superintendent of Works; W. L. Ware, D.G.S.B.; L. von Doussa, D.G. Pursuivant; and E. Saint, D.G. Steward. The minutes of the January Quarterly Communication were read.

Proposed by W. Bro. SEABROOK, D.G. President, B.G.P., seconded by Bro. F. H. WIGG, D.G. Steward—"That the Minute No. 542, relating to the D.G. Secretary be expunged." Carried. Resolved—"That the minutes with the above-named exception be confirmed." The report of the General Committee for the past year was read by W. Bro. Seabrook, D.G. President, B.G.P.

Report of General Committee, April 4th, 1883. To the R.W. the District Grand Master and the District Grand Lodge. The Committee lay before you the accounts for year ending December 31st, 1882, duly audited; also, balance sheet of Masonic Benevolent Fund for year ending September 21st, 1882, which was omitted at previous quarterly communication. The W.D.D.G.M. Bro. H. E. Downer, attended by the D.G. Chaplain, and a number of D.G.L. Officers, and other brothers, at the request of the Freemasons of Yorke Town, performed the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the church of England, at Yorke Town, with Masonic honours, on December 6th, 1882. The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the R.W. the D.G.M. has appointed W. Bro. J. H. Cunningham to the important position of D.G. Secretary, vacant by the resignation of W. Bro. R. E. Lucy, and that W. Bro. Cunningham is now performing the duties of the office. The several notices of motion appearing on the summons have been laid before the Committee, and they beg to recommend the same to your favourable consideration. It will be necessary for the D.G.L. to elect a member of General Committee in place of Bro. Shier, who has left the colony. T. E. Fraser Seabrook, President Board General Purposes; and James H. Cunningham, District Grand Secretary.

Proposed by W. Bro. T. E. F. SEABROOK, D.G.P. B.G.P., seconded by W. Bro. J. C. FERGUSON, D.G.D.C., "That the balance-sheet of D.G. Lodge and Masonic Benevolent Fund be taken as read." Carried.

Proposed by W. Bro. T. E. F. SEABROOK, D.G.P. B.G.P., seconded by W. Bro. J. HOLMAN, D.G.A.D.C., "That the report and balance-sheet be adopted." Carried.

Proposed by W. Bro. T. E. F. SEABROOK, D.G.P. B.G.P., seconded by W. Bro. J. C. FERGUSON, D.G.D.C., "That Bro. John Holman, P.M. 842, be elected a member of the General Committee in place of Bro. W. F. Shier, who has left the Colony." Carried.

The R.W. the D.G.M., on behalf of D.G.L., presented W. Bro. R. E. Lucy, P.D.G. Sec., with a silver-plated tea and coffee service, as a mark of appreciation of his services as District Grand Secretary for a period of seventeen years. The testimonial bore the following inscription:—"Presented to W. P.D.G. Secretary, Bro. R. E. Lucy, by the D.G.L. Freemasons, E.C., in acknowledgment of valuable services rendered as D.G. Secretary. Adelaide, April 4th, 1883."

Bro. Lucy thanked the D.G.L. for the testimonial, and the R.W.D.G.M. for the kind manner in which he had made the presentation.

Pursuant to notices of motion it was proposed by D.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. S. POOLE, seconded by W. Bro. S. SOLOMON, D.G.J.W.—"That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor at an early date, assuring him of the continued loyalty of the Freemasons of the English Constitution of South Australia to the throne and person of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." Carried.

Proposed by W. Bro. J. H. CUNNINGHAM, D.G. Sec., seconded by W. Bro. F. OLIFENT, D.G. Steward—"That the R.W. the D.G.M., W.D.D.G.M., D.G. Chaplain, and W.D.G. Secretary, be a Committee to draw up the address, and that it be presented to His Excellency at the levee on the Queen's birthday next ensuing, by the R.W. the D.G.M., accompanied by as many of the D.G.L. Officers and other brethren as can make it convenient to attend." Carried.

Proposed by W. Bro. J. HOLMAN, D.G.A.D.C., seconded by W. Bro. F. OLIFENT, D.G. Steward—"That it be an instruction to the W. D.G. Secretary to inform the sister constitutions that the D.G. Lodge will present an address to His Excellency the Governor on the date named." Carried.

Proposed by W. Bro. S. SOLOMON, D.G.J.W., seconded by W. Bro. H. M. ADDISON, D.G. Treasurer—"That the General Committee be instructed to take into their consideration the D.G.L. bye-laws, and the rules and regulations for the government of the Masonic Benevolent Fund with a view to their revision, to make such revision as they may think necessary and to report to the D.G. Lodge." Carried. The proposition with regard to the reading of the minutes before closing the lodge, was, with consent of D.G. Lodge, withdrawn.

Proposed by W. Bro. T. E. F. SEABROOK, D.G.P. B.G.P., seconded by W. Bro. H. M. ADDISON, D.G. Treasurer—"That the sum of £75 per annum be voted from the D.G.L. funds, as an allowance to the W. D.G. Secretary, to enable him to procure the necessary clerical assistance to carry out the duties of the office efficiently." Carried.

There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

By command of the Queen a State Ball was given at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday. Among those present were their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Duke and Duchess of Albany, the Duke of Cambridge, and Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, in attendance on the Prince and Princess of Wales. Bro. the Maharajah Duleep Sing, P.G. Warden, and the Maharana were among those who received invitations.

North Africa.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE.

The annual meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on the 26th ult. The Kingston Lodge, No. 222, was opened by its W.M., R.W. Bro. A. Broadley, P.D.G.M.M. of the Mediterranean, with a satisfactory attendance of officers and brethren, and two candidates were duly advanced to the M.M.M.'s Degree. Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened by R.W. Bro. T. F. Reade, her Britannic Majesty's Consul General at Tunis, P.G.M. of North Africa, assisted by several of his Grand Officers and his D.P.G.M., Dr. A. Penni. The P.G.M. in a short address congratulated the brethren on the continued and increased prosperity of the Mark Degree in the North of Africa. He attributed this mainly to the untiring zeal of his friend and predecessor, Bro. Broadley, who always found time amidst his private pursuits however pressing (and they knew how hard worked he was), to fulfil his duties to the Craft. Since Prov. Grand Lodge last met Bro. Broadley had twice visited Egypt, and the flourishing Lodge of Egypt, No. 311, at Cairo, was a memorial of his handiwork. The zeal of the Egyptian brethren was beyond all praise, and he was pleased that the M.W.G.M. had conferred the distinguished honour of past rank on his old friend, Bro. Borg, M.W.G.M. of Egypt, and on Capt. Williams-Freeman who had worked the lodge since its opening. He hoped soon to see a prosperous lodge in Alexandria. He felt bound before sitting down to publicly thank Bro. Broadley for his invaluable assistance, and he trusted that when his term of office ended that brother might be induced to succeed him and carry out in the new Province of North Africa the same work as would ever render memorable his administration as head of the old Province of Tunis and Malta.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were then appointed:

Bro. Capt. Williams-Freeman, 311	Prov. D.G.M.
Col. Sir William Norman Drummond Pringle, Bart., 311	Prov. G.S.W.
Jules Emile Geissel, 222	Prov. G.J.W.
E. T. Rogers Bey, 311	Prov. G.M.O.
E. A. Perkins, 254	Prov. G.S.O.
J. Wilson Bey, 311	Prov. G.J.O.
The Hon. M. Napier, 311	Prov. G. Reg.
A. Andry, 222	Prov. G. Sec.
Capt. Pemington, 311	Prov. G.A. Sec.
Comandant Coyne, 222	Prov. G.D.C.
R. C. Waller Bey, 311	Prov. G.S. of W.
N. D'Amico, 254	Prov. G.S.D.
Quartermaster H. McKinnon, 311	Prov. G.J.D.
Nichel, 222	Prov. G. Std. B.
Prince, 311	Prov. G. Swd. B.
Commander W. M. Bridger, R.N., 222	Prov. G. Org.
Flak, 222	Prov. G.I.G.
Audemar	Prov. G. Stwds.
Goodall	
Angelica	
A. Villareale, 222	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. BROADLEY briefly acknowledged the complimentary remarks of Bro. Reade, who then closed the Prov. Grand Lodge and retired. The Kingston Lodge was then duly closed in ancient form.

LEGALITY OF LODGES IN THE PROVINCE OF MONTREAL.

A correspondent calls our attention to a statement made by Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., in the course of his speech on the Orange Bill, which was to the effect that all secret societies in the province, excepting the Freemasons, were illegal according to the Quebec Statutes. It has been pointed out to us that the member for Montreal Centre should have qualified that statement, inasmuch as all Freemasons do not enjoy an equal protection of the law. The exemption made by the statute in favour of the society exists only for the lodges which hold their warrants or charters from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Now, it is a fact not generally known that here in this province in 1869 the Orangemen fearing and knowing that they could be taken hold of at any time as an unauthorised secret society, started lodges of Freemasons, and began to assemble under that name without holding any authority from Great Britain and Ireland, as was exacted by the statute. The Orangemen who thus tried to get under the shelter of the law by deceptive means appealed to the Grand Lodges in England for the necessary charters or warrants which would give them authority to establish separate lodges, that eventually would be used for the purposes of Orangeism instead of Freemasonry. But they failed every time they made their demands. Their dodge was seen through, and, as we heard it forcibly expressed, was completely "sat upon," especially by a well known ex-judge of this Province who opposed the scheme tooth and nail, and was greatly instrumental in preventing the Grand Lodge of Great Britain from being deceived by the Orangemen of Quebec. So that at the present time there are a large number of lodges in existence which are altogether illegal as they do not come within the provision contained in the 10th chapter or the Consolidated Statutes. (Thus all lodges of Freemasons holding their charters from the Grand Lodge of Quebec are illegal). In fact the lodges which are of English register do not recognise the lodges of Quebec register, as they are not admitted to take part in the more secret proceedings of the "bonâ fide" Freemasons.—*Montreal Post*, April 19th, 1883.

Bro. Emra Holmes has been lecturing very successfully at Kirkcaldy in aid of the library in connection with the Presbyterian Parish Church. He is very indignant at the proposal to abolish St. Andrew's University, a scheme introduced into the Scotch Universities Bill now before Parliament. Bro. Holmes also noting the signs of the times and the leavening up of the Presbyterians in the matter of ritual and the introduction of instrumental music, urges the union of the Episcopalian and Presbyterian established churches in Scotland, quoting the present Archbishop of Canterbury as favourable to this phase of home re-union. Whether this desire will eventuate in reality or remain a Masonic and Utopian dream remains to be seen, but a union of the churches of England and Scotland is a desideratum.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE SCHEME FOR EXTENDING THE ADVANTAGES.

The scheme of giving extended scope to the advantages and benefits of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution on lines indicated in a letter from Bro. Richard Brown, P.P.G. Treas., is being discussed with much interest by the brethren of the province, and there is every indication that the plan as proposed by the special committee of giving as a trial complete maintenance, clothing, and education to eight children will be adopted without any material alteration. A meeting of those interested in and charged with the maturing of the proposals was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 25th ult., when the matter was fully and fairly discussed. It was then decided that the eight children proposed as the annual recipients of the increased benefits of the charity should be those who have lost both parents. As the means of getting over the difficulty of knowing whether the institution could continually meet the increased expenditure, Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1082, one of the honorary secretaries, suggested, and it was favourably entertained, that the committee should send the accepted candidates to the Masonic Schools in London, which could be done for a present payment of 170 guineas for each child—that is, the child would go into the institution at eight years of age and remain until it was 15 without any further payment. Letters have been written to the Secretaries of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, London, asking if they would take West Lancashire children at a fixed rate per annum. It was proposed to present the report to the general committee of the institution at a meeting held on Friday evening.

FUNERAL OF BRO. THOMAS BURROWS OF STOCKPORT.

The funeral of the late Bro. T. Burrows took place on Thursday, the 24th ult., and was of a public character. At half-past nine o'clock, by command of the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Bro. F. Preston, a lodge of emergency was convened at Ashton House, to which the attendance of members of the other lodges in Stockport and the neighbourhood had been invited. The invitation was very generally responded to, and there was a numerous gathering of the Craft from the various lodges, who thus united in paying a last sad tribute of respect to their departed brother. There were also present a number of Prov. Grand Officers of Cheshire, including Bros. J. Beresford, P.P.G.S.D.; William Harrison, P.M. 104, P.P.G.S.D.; Herbert Finch, P.G.D.C.; T. Brooks, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Collier, P.G. Org.; and W. C. Fleming, P.G.T. There were also present Bros. George F. Bowden, P.M. 104; H. Isherwood, P.M. 322; John Turner, P.M. 287; J. P. Bardsley, P.M. 322, W.M. 1957; W. Dean, P.M. 287; Joseph Slack, P.M. 323; John Marshall, I.P.M. 323; W. H. Brown, W.M. 322; L. D. Bradbury, P.M. 322 and 326; R. Blakehurst, I.P.M. 289; John Leigh, P.M. 289; G. Atkinson, P.M. 323; James Worsnup, P.M. 322; and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Major Francis Preston, the other officers present being Bros. W. Booth, I.P.M.; George Balfie, S.W.; Jno. Bell, J.W.; Joseph Wood, Treas.; Geo. Gaskill, Sec.; Edmund Johnson, S.D.; Jos. Fox, J.D.; W. Gleave, S.S.; C. Clarkson, J.S.; Thomas Davies, I.G.; and Jno. Scott, Tyler. Forty-four visiting brethren signed the visitors' book, the lodges represented being the Unanimity, Peace and Concord, Stockport, and the Grove, Hazel Grove. There was a goodly attendance of members of the St. John's Lodge. The brethren observed strict Masonic attire. Breast and collar jewels were enclosed in thin black crape, black rosettes were worn on the aprons, and each member carried a sprig of acacia. On leaving Ashton House, the brethren proceeded to Longshut-lane, where the funeral cortege was formed.

Members of the Corporation assembled near The Grove, Shaw Heath. The Mayor (Mr. James Leigh, J.P.) was present, also Alderman Dr. Turner, J.P., and T. Hilderley; Councillors Major McClure, J.P., J. Longson, J. Cuppleitch, T. Fearn, W. Barnsley, J. Turner, J. Bostock, H. Wild, J. Worrall, R. Fox, J. Ramsay, S. Robinson, J. Bowden, J. Cookson, F. R. Robinson, H. Faulder, W. E. Carrington, A. Gothard, J. Moorhouse, E. Hopwood, J. Kirk, J. Hill, and J. Astington. Councillors Ashton, Goulden, and Bunting walked with the Freemasons. The Corporation officials in attendance were the Town Clerk (Mr. Walter Hyde), the Borough Treasurer (Mr. Robert Holt), the Chief Constable (Lieut.-Col. F. B. Staples), and Mr. Emission Wood, of the District Rate Office.

After the hearse, which was drawn by two horses, came the funeral party, occupying three broughams. At the head of the procession walked members of the police force, of whom there were on duty at the funeral Inspectors Marshall and Buck, with two sergeants and 20 constables.

The procession left the late residence of the deceased shortly after 11 o'clock. On arriving at the Cemetery, the hearse and coaches were taken within the gates at the principal entrance, and the police and the Freemasons formed a line on either side of the path, along which the coffin was borne into the Mortuary Chapel. The coffin was covered with wreaths of choice flowers, and in the chapel the W.M. of St. John's Lodge placed upon it a wreath of acacia. The small chapel was quite filled, and many persons who desired to be present at the service were unable to obtain admission. Mr. Benjamin Johnson, registrar of the cemetery, conducted the service, and offered some remarks exceedingly suitable to the occasion. A useful life had been suddenly terminated while yet in the vigour of its career. Let those who survived accept this solemn warning, and so live that they may be prepared for the summons whenever it might call them. He likewise offered words of consolation and sympathy to the bereaved widow and children. The coffin was then borne to the grave, and as the long procession moved slowly along between the lines of trees which, in their spring beauty, form a pleasant avenue through the middle of the cemetery, it presented an impressive and affecting spectacle. The grave is situated near the end

of the central avenue, on the southerly side, and it contained already the remains of two children of the deceased. When the Registrar had concluded the ordinary service, Masonic funeral rites were conducted by Bro. Herbert Finch, P.M., P.G.D.C. A hymn commencing "Solemn strikes the funeral chime," was sung in a subdued and very impressive manner, and after the prayer came the response, "So mote it be," in sweet musical cadence. Then followed the exhortation, delivered in loud clear tones which reached to the remotest fringe of the large concourse assembled round the grave, and commanded the closest attention from all present. The well-known hymn, "Days and moments quickly flying," was next sung. Bro. Finch then deposited on the coffin, which had been lowered into the grave, the lambskin or white apron of a Freemason, the emblem of innocence and the badge of friendship. After this he dropped on the coffin a sprig of acacia, emblem of faith in the immortality of the soul, exclaiming as he performed this act, "Alas, my brother!" All the brethren then severally approached the grave, and each dropped on the coffin a sprig of the same evergreen. Bro. Finch next delivered a most effective address. After suitable reference to their departed brother he urged those who survived to use the talents they possessed in the way most likely to conduce to the welfare of their fellow men and their own eternal happiness. The service at the grave terminated shortly afterwards, and when the mourners had left many persons pressed forward to obtain a last look at the coffin. The inscription on the brass shield was as follows: "Thomas Burrows, died 21st May, 1883. Aged 41 years." The coffin was of polished oak, with brass fittings.

It may be mentioned incidentally that on the occasion of the last interment of a member of the St. John's Lodge—the late Bro. Taylor, of Hall-street—which took place in the burial ground of St. Thomas's Church, Stockport, the Masonic ritual was read at the grave by the brother over whose remains the same impressive and beautiful service was now read by Bro. Finch.

The Freemasons re-formed in procession and returned to Ashton House. Here Bro. Major Preston proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the deceased, and in doing so referred to the great respect felt for the late Bro. Burrows by the members of the Craft. He paid a warm tribute to the unselfish and disinterested spirit manifested by Bro. Burrows, and spoke in the highest terms of the manner in which he always supported the Masonic charities. The vote was seconded by the S.W., Bro. G. Balfie. In supporting it, Bro. Finch said he had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Burrows eight years ago as a Freemason, and Bro. Harrison spoke of the pleasure with which he first proposed their late brother for admission into the fraternity. Bro. Booth, I.P.M. of St. John's, Bro. Bradbury, on behalf of the Lodge of Peace, and Bro. W. H. Brown, of the same lodge, also spoke in support of the resolution; and, after the same had been put from the chair and unanimously adopted, the lodge was closed and the brethren separated.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

FOORD.—On the 25th ult., at St. Margaret's, Rochester, the wife of John James Foord, of a son.

GRIPPER.—On the 25th ult., at Lyndhurst, Barnes, the wife of J. E. Gripper, of a daughter.

TANDY.—On the 25th ult., at Rosebank, Donaghadee, the wife of Commander D. Tandy, Royal Navy, Inspecting Commander Coast Guard, Donaghadee, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BOWYER—HEATH.—On the 24th ult., at Weybridge, W. C. Bowyer, to Julia Emily Byron, daughter of the late R. K. Heath, Esq.

LEWIS—MILLER.—On the 24th ult., at Holy Trinity, Westminster, J. F. Lewis, Ipswich, to Ellen Kate, daughter of R. M. Miller, Highwood, Ipswich.

DEATHS.

REEVE.—On the 26th ult., at Victoria-road, Gipsy-hill, C. Reeve, J.P. for Hants, of Sandhill Lodge, Forcingbridge, aged 44.

SNEAD.—On the 19th ult., at East Shrubbery, Clifton, J. B. Snead, late of Chepstow, aged 77.

SPYER.—On the 25th ult., at Gloucester-terrace, Hyde-park, H. Spyer, Esq., aged 50.

To over-worked men of business, and especially to literary men, a summer holiday by the seaside, or among the Alps or other mountainous regions, is greatly to be recommended. But in order to get the full benefit of such a holiday, no work of any kind must be done—i.e., the artist must not take his picture with him to finish, nor the author his book, and the business man must not have letters—other than those of friendship—to attend to. Therefore it is not merely money that a person has to take into consideration when he asks himself the question, "Can I afford myself a holiday in July or August?" but time as well: "Can I finish such-and-such a piece of work?" or, "have done with this or that business by July or August, so as to go away from home with nothing on my mind?" "When I lock my study or office door, am I quite sure that Daddy Care is safe inside, and that there isn't a crack nor a crevice through which he can escape and follow me to the Isle of Skye or Jersey?" Well, one must just make sure that there is no chance of his escaping, or even of his being carried away in the neatly-packed portmanteau. Why, the rascal has been found ere now in the pocket of an old office coat. It is a favourite trick of his to come popping out of the post-bag with a "How d'ye do?" and a "Here we are again!" And he has been frequently known to take the telegraph, and be down first at the seaside, ready to meet his unhappy slave on the railway platform. The best way to avoid so unpleasant a reunion with care or business is every way to set to work about six weeks before hand to prepare in every way for the summer holiday.—From "Palmy Days," *Extra Holiday Number of "Cassell's Family Magazine."*



Bro. Hiram Henton, S.W. of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, is now in the proud position of first band master in the United Kingdom. Thanks to his excellent judgment and good taste the promoters of the Park Band-Society (Lady Fanny Majorbanks and Albert Grey, Esq., M.P., in particular) have been enabled to provide the public with instrumental music of a quality never before procurable. Bro. Lord Wolseley prior to his departure for Russia visited Hyde Park on purpose to hear Bro. Henton's band play, and he was pleased to remark—"The service did not boast of a better band or a more efficient band-master." Bro. Henton has here a great feather in his cap, and the London Rifle Brigade, in addition to the Park Band Society, may well be proud of him.

At the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction, S.W., on Monday evening next, the members propose to discuss the several points of Bro. Jas. Stevens' lecture explanatory of the ritual and working of the First Degree. The meeting will be open to brethren of other lodges, and Bro. Stevens has promised to attend on the occasion.

At the last meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, held on 28th inst., Bro. A. I. Emanuel, P.M., P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, was elected a Fellow on the proposition of Admiral Sir F. Leopold McClintock, F.R.S., seconded by Bro. Clements R. Markam, C.B.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princes Albert Victor and George and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales, visited the Horse Show at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Tuesday afternoon.

The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided at the anniversary meeting of the Christian Evidence Society in Exeter (Lower) Hall on Tuesday, and delivered a lengthy address, in the course of which he referred to the subject of modern infidelity.

Bros. Earl Cowper, K.G., and Sir Farrer Herschell, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General, were present at the meeting of the Herts Liberal Association at St. Alban's on Tuesday.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, will preside at a meeting of the subscribers to the memorial to the late Prince Consort, which will be held in Trinity College on Tuesday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of considering the best mode of disposing of the surplus funds, amounting to close on £1800.

Bro. Earl Granville will be present at the Bright celebration, on the 14th inst., and will speak at the banquet to be given in honour of Mr. Bright.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Jersey gave a dinner party at their residence in Great Stanhope-street, Park-lane, on Tuesday.

Bro. Montagu Guest, M.P., P.G.M. Dorsetshire, was one of the guests at the dinner party given by the Earl and Countess of Malmesbury at their residence in Wimpole-street, on Tuesday evening.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, who was prevented by indisposition from attending to his Parliamentary duties on Monday, was sufficiently recovered to be in his place in the House of Commons the following day.

By command of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will hold a levée at St. James's Palace on behalf of her Majesty on Friday, the 15th inst.

General Sir Lintorn Simmonds and Rear-Admiral Rice were examined before the joint committee of the Lords and Commons on the Channel Tunnel scheme on Tuesday, and very strongly condemned the project.

The first number of "Summer Talk" monthly sketches by "Orion," of the *Glasgow Evening Citizen*, has just appeared. It is an open secret, says the *Edinburgh Courier*, that the author of "Tangled Talk" is a well known parish minister in Glasgow, and the popularity of his contributions to the *Glasgow* journal named will no doubt extend to "Summer Talk." The title of the first sketch is "Maud Mayflower's Marriage," a prettily told, fresh and pleasing story. It may interest our Masonic readers to know that the author is the son of a celebrated Scotch Professor, and either a Past or Present Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke of Connaught were present at the ceremony of Trooping the Colours, which was held on the Horse Guards parade on Tuesday morning, having been postponed from Saturday last. The Princess of Wales, accompanied by Princes Albert Victor and George and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales witnessed the parade from the Horse Guards.

After the parade the Duke of Cambridge and the Princess Mary Duchess and the Duke of Teck lunched with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House.

A review of "A History of Medical Economy during the Middle Ages," by Bro. G. F. Fort, will appear in our next.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accord her patronage to the concert to be given at Grosvenor House on Saturday, the 16th inst., in aid of the funds of the Hospital for Women, Soho-square.

"RUPTURES."—WHITE'S MOC-MAIN LEVER TRUSS is the most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent Lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for descriptive circular, with testimonials and prices, to J. White and Co. (Limited) 228, Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists, who often sell an Imitation of our Moc-Main. J. White and Co. have not any agents.—[ADVT.]

Monday, the 25th inst., has been fixed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for the grand concert which is to be given by the Lord Mayor in the Guildhall in aid of the Royal College of Music. The Queen and all the members of the Royal Family are patrons of the concert, and the Prince and Princess of Wales will be present. The musical arrangements will be made by the Royal College of Music, and those for the reception of the audience by the City Lands Committee.

The last picture painted by the late Gustave Doré, "The Vale of Tears," has been added to the Doré Gallery, in New Bond-street. The size of the canvas is 21 feet by 14 feet.

Bro. Edward F. Storr, P.M. and Treasurer of the Neptune Lodge, P.M. 1679, P.Z. 1044, Z. 192, &c., is among the list of Stewards for the 125th Anniversary Festival of the Orphan Working School, on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

On Thursday night last, a meeting of Masonic Officers was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, to arrange for the forthcoming Freemasons' pic-nic. Bro. C. McNamara, W.M. 97, presided, and there was a very large attendance. It was unanimously decided to hold the pic-nic at Hackfall, the delightful and picturesque seat of the Marquis of Ripon. The Chairman, Bros. F. Maddison and R. Singleton, Secretaries, and W. Liddell, Treasurer, were deputed to arrange if possible for the pic-nic to be held at the place mentioned.

On Tuesday, the 19th inst., at a meeting, to be held in the Royal Albert Hall, in connection with the International Fisheries Congress, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will read a paper by his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh, entitled "Notes on the Sea Fisheries and Fishing Population of the United Kingdom."

On Tuesday, Bro. Augustus Harris placed Drury-lane Theatre at the disposal of the committee of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, of which Bro. Henry Irving is President, and a grand entertainment was given in aid of the funds of that excellent institution, which there is no doubt will yield a considerable addition to its resources. Among those who gave their services on the occasion were Bros. H. Irving, Bancroft, Edward Terry, Lionel Brough, J. L. Toole, &c.

Bros. Lord Claud Hamilton, Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., D. Plunket, Sir J. Mowbray, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., Baron Henry de Worms, Earl Percy, Col. Stanley, and Col. King-Harman were present at the meeting of Conservative Members of Parliament, held on Tuesday at the Carlton.

At the Liberal meeting, held on Tuesday at the Foreign Office, there were present among others Bros. Lord Richard Grosvenor, Lord Kensington, Sir John Ramsden, Bart., B. Samuelson, Montagu Guest, Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., Sir S. Waterlow, Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., and Hon. G. Levison-Gower.

We are asked to announce that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction has been removed from the Jacob's Well, George-street, and now meets at the St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-street, W.

We understand that several brethren interested in the formation of a lodge in London on temperance principles, met last week to discuss preliminaries. Bros. Dr. Richardson and Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen were present.

The Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, (Bro. Walter Hopekirk, P.M., W.M.), hold their next regular meeting on Wednesday, 6th of June, at 4.30 p.m.

The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. P. M. Cusworth, at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road, at eight p.m.

At a meeting of the Northampton Chapter, No. 360, Bro. A. M. Boémé was presented with a testimonial by the companions of the chapter. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. G. P. Festa, W.M. 1900, are candidates for the Board of General Purposes at the next election which will take place at Grand Lodge on Wednesday next.

The installation meeting of the Lodge of Temperance in the East, took place on Wednesday last with great eclat. We hope to give report in our next.

A fancy bazaar will be held at the City Temple, Holborn, on the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week. The lecture room will be tastefully fitted up as an Alpine village. Capital arrangements have been made for supplying musical and other forms of entertainment during the above period.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince Christian were present at the Countess Granville's reception at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

The Editor of the *Masonic Review*, published at Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, remarks in his May issue: "Bro. George Markham Tweddell, author of the fine Masonic sonnets which appear regularly in our pages, has now ready for the press 'A Hundred Masonic Sonnets, Illustrative of the Principles of the Craft.' We cordially commend this publication to the Fraternity as worthy of their best attention, and of wide circulation among the brethren." After stating that the price of the bound volume is to be half-a-crown, the Editor, in the true spirit of Masonry, kindly offers to receive and forward to Bro. Markham Tweddell the names of subscribers. We believe Bro. Tweddell has already received several communications from various parts of America from brethren anxious to subscribe; Judge Crosley, of Minneapolis, sending his own name and that of a friend and brother Mason, whilst in our own country several illustrious Masons have given in their names. The work, we understand, is to be dedicated to the author's friend, Bro. Emra Holmes.

HOW TO SECURE GOOD HEALTH.—MARTIN'S CURATIVE MAGNETISM.—Health secured, Health restored, and Health promoted by the use of this Natural Agent, now so extensively used. See Press opinions, testimonials, and fullest particulars in 48 page pamphlet, which is sent gratis to all by John Hugh Martin, Inventor and Maker of the Improved Appliances, 272, Regent-circus, London, W.—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Bro. Sheriff Savory were the guests of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, of which Bro. Wildey Wright is W.M., at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday evening. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

At the election of four pensioners on the funds of the Builders' Benevolent Institution the successful candidates were J. Page, H. Johnson, J. C. Crittenden, and Mrs. Mills.

In our account of the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Major-General Laurie, M.W.G.M. of Nova Scotia, it was stated that his relative, Sir Peter Laurie was Lord Mayor of London and Master of the Saddlers' Company "in 1836." It should have been "in 1833."

The Prince and Princess of Wales with the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, were present at the Countess Granville's reception at the Foreign Office on Saturday evening.

Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, and Lady Brooke were among the arrivals at Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday. On Monday they left for Bridgwater for the Bath and West of England Show.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided at the annual dinner of the Royal Horse Guards' Club, at the Knightsbridge Barracks, on Monday evening.

The Prince of Wales, with the Princes Albert Edward and George and the Princess Victoria of Wales, witnessed the performance of "Blue Beard" at the Gaiety on Monday evening.

The Prince of Wales has been adjudged a prize for Southdowns at the Bath and West of England Agricultural Society's Show at Bridgwater.

The Prince of Wales and the Hereditary Prince of Saxe-Meiningen were among the guests at the banquet given by Mr. Gladstone, on Saturday, in honour of the Queen's birthday.

The Duke of Albany presided at a meeting held at the Royal Tapestry Works, Old Windsor, on Saturday afternoon.

The Committee on the Fish Exchange (Blackfriars) Bill met on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Evelyn.

The Savage Club, of which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is an honorary life member, purpose giving a grand entertainment and costume ball at the Royal Albert Hall, on the evening of Wednesday, the 11th July, the object being to found a Savage Club Scholarship in connection with the Royal College of Music. The Prince and Princess of Wales will honour the entertainment with their patronage and presence.

The Royal (founder's) medal of the Royal Geographical Society has been awarded to Sir Joseph D. Hooker, F.R.S., for his services in various parts of the world, but especially for his researches in botanical geography; and the Patron's medal to Mr. E. Colborne Baber, Chinese Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation, Peking, for his geographical labours in the interior of China. In the Public Schools' Examinations gold and silver medals were respectively adjudged to Thomas Rose and S. W. Carruthers, both of Dulwich College, for physical geography, and the gold medal for political geography to S. C. Farlow, of Harrow School.

On Monday, by command of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales held a levée at St. James's Palace on behalf of her Majesty. The Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W., the Duke of Cambridge, and the Hereditary Prince of Saxe-Meiningen were present. The Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, under the command of their captain, Bro. Lord Carrington, were on duty in the State saloons, and the Yeomen of the Guard, under the command of their captain, Bro. Lord Monson, in the interior of the palace.

The new Parkes Museum of Hygiene, Margaret-street, was opened on Saturday morning by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, who in acknowledging the vote of thanks unanimously passed to him for having undertaken the duty, delivered a somewhat lengthy address on the many benefits that will result from a further study of hygiene, and the advantage which the museum will offer to the public at large for becoming better acquainted with the conditions necessary to a healthy existence in our large cities and towns, but especially in the metropolis. His Royal Highness also stated that it had given him great pleasure to accept the office of President of the Parkes Museum, which had been founded and named after the first professor of hygiene in this country.

At the annual meeting of the Nineteenth Century Building Society held on the 29th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, Mr. H. W. Laurence in the chair, the following resolution moved by Mr. James Rowlands, seconded by Mr. Stephen Seaward Taylor, was carried unanimously. That this meeting of members of the Nineteenth Century Building Society believing that many persons, especially members of building societies purchasing houses rely on the supervision they believe the authorities to exercise over the construction and sanitary arrangements, cordially approves of the recent action of the directors in bringing under the notice of the Local Government Board the fact that houses were being built at West Ham without damp-proof courses and is glad to learn that the Local Board have under their consideration the making of new bye-laws for the district.

THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.—Bro. Bedford Lemere & Co., have taken some excellent photos of the Temple after the fire—from cabinet size upwards. Supplied only by G. Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, at 1s., 2s., 4s. each, post free on receipt of stamps or P.O.O.—[ADVT.]

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 9, 1883.

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 2.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1567, Elliot, Railway Hot., Feltham.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1929, Mozart, Harewood House, Croydon.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

MONDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
Chap. 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Red Cross Premier Conclave, Freemasons' Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
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.
West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-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, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5.

Grand Mark Lodge, Freemasons Tav.
Colonial Board at 4.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, 8.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6.

Grand Lodge at 6 for 7.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st.,
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
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.
United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's
Park, at 8.

Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Dukes Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, 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.
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.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.

Lodge 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.
Chap. 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
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.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
Royal Arthur, Temperance Hotel, Wimbledon Hill Road,
(Close to the Station), at 7.30.

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.
Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent
Garden, W.C., 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.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Vic-
toria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
well, at 9.
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 8.

Lodge 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's,
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 13, Britania, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
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., Lime-
house, 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.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st. Baker-st., W.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-
road, at 7.30.

Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
SATURDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hot., London
Bridge.
" 1584, Loyalty & Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1637, Unity, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

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MONDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.C., Birkenhead.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuebrook, Lp'l.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 1359, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1565, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 135, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
Faith Encampment, 41, M.H., Wigan.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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