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WE understand that the elections both for the Boys' and the Girls' School will be severe, and that high polling may be expected. We are also sincerely glad to be able to say that the tendency of late years to create an artificial value in favour of the voting papers of one School over the other seems likely this year to come to an end. We have always objected to it, as in truth unreal and absurd, and we hope we have heard and seen the last of it.

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ONE reflection must occur to all "habitués" of these elections,—the mournful fact of so many poor candidates coming up three, four, five, and six times, and in vain. Can nothing be done to help them? It may indeed be answered, as it is, and with some force and truth, that no thoroughly good case ever fails, unless through the "lâches" or coldness of its proper friends. As a rule, the provinces now are so well organized in their Charity Committees that no accepted and approved provincial candidate need ever fail. But there are candidates sometimes not taken up by the provinces, and many poor London candidates, utterly friendless and forlorn, who seem to have no chance of success. We are, therefore, inclined to advocate an *alteration* in our election rules to this effect—that the General Committees shall have power at each election to elect two candidates, say, who appear to them to be very distressing cases, and demanding special help. We are no believers in any Committee electing all the candidates, as the jobbing it would give rise to would be infinite and awful, in our opinion; but we think a means of election might be found for electing friendless candidates, whose cases are thoroughly good and truly distressing, and yet lack the present one ingredient of hope and chance of success—Metropolitan exertion and Provincial support.

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WE are given to understand that, as one of the candidates for the Girls' School has withdrawn, and one elected candidate is dead, there will be 14 to be elected out of 29, instead of 13 out of 30.

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WE call attention elsewhere to a ridiculous hand bill being sent from house to house in all portions of London, and which a non-Mason has thought well to bring specially to our notice, simply for the information of our readers of what is going on, and which, however absurd and ridiculous, and even apparently the act of some crazy person, yet cannot be altogether safely ignored, as an evidence both of bitter animus and existing delusions in respect of our excellent Fraternity. Our first feeling on reading it, as it will be that of many of our readers, was one of simple derision and unlimited contempt. But a careful perusal of even such a piling up of rubbish assured us, that there was a good deal of "method" alike in this seeming "madness," and this peculiar grouping of the most absurd and unlikely accusation. Whoever the real issuer of this most absurd specimen of "Catnach" literature may be, we can only pity his ignorance and laugh at his folly.

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WE have just now arrived at a period in our later Masonic studies, our critical commentaries, and our learned expositions of Masonic history and archæology, when a few words of kindly warning seem to be both needed and seasonable. As history repeats itself, so do the old stories of "fads" and "twists" of bye-gone generations. Indeed, the acute observer and the serious philosopher might, looking back upon the past to-day, be inclined to say and conclude that, alike in the arguments and theories and idiosyncrasies of all schools, classes, and epochs, we see nothing but a cycle of thought and tendencies constantly appearing and disappearing, asserting and reasserting itself. There is a weakness apparent just now in all our little Masonic circles of thought, and schools of criticism, and the like, namely, the falling into the very mistake which Dr. OLIVER made, when he pronounced so dogmatically and decidedly on matters beyond his ken, and without any real critical correctness or authority to uphold his premises or vindicate his conclusions. We

have to beware, in dealing with Masonic history especially, resting so much as Freemasonry does on tradition, on oral testimony, on parole information, rather than that clear and indubitable evidence which the canons of actual accuracy and careful induction imperatively demand always, lest we should fall into one or two grave dilemmas, accepting what CARLYLE called "bottled moonshine," on the one hand, or yielding to unauthorized dogmatism on the other. We should always remember a passage in a great controversy of years gone by, which is as true as when first spoken by the able man who uttered it: "Is evident that whosoever so far insists upon a text ("or fact of history") as to say that any other interpretation ("or explanation") appears to involve a contradiction or absurdity, intends only to make a 'reductio ad impossibile' as the schoolmen call it; that is to propose an only alternative, which no one for a moment can choose." In some of our present controversies we require, all of us alike, a little more consideration for others and a little more self restraint, and above all an abnegation of preconceived opinions, pet theories, and "post hoc propter hoc" conclusions. Indeed, in all these things Freemasonry would teach us the very useful lessons of moderation, toleration, caution, and self-control.

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CERTAIN facts which have recently come before us lead us once again to press upon our many worthy brethren everywhere, the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of lodges, the imperative duty of exhuming at once all old lodge records where any are stowed away or passed out of sight, and however dirty, mouldy, mildewed they may have become by age, or neglect. The other is the absolute necessity of carefully preserving all lodge minute books and all Masonic relics. It is, we fear, too true that from time to time many of the undoubted properties of our lodges have been sold by the representatives of Secretaries, &c., and some unscrupulous brethren have not hesitated to dispose of valuable Masonic records and books confided to their care and trusted to their keeping. There are stores yet of archæological wealth to be gleaned and saved from Time's destroying hand now hid from sight and forgotten, left to obscurity, neglect, and decay, because, in the first place, lodges have no proper place to keep curios and MSS. and the like in, and because, secondly, the taste for such studies and realities has to be created, and is at the present neither very keen, nor very much in earnest. Let us, however, all hope and strive for better days. The material exists, if only we can find and get workmen who will seek out fitting "ashlar stones" for the building, and if we can meet with expert labourers and bright Masons, really and truly, to advance both the practical and intellectual character of contemporary English Freemasonry.

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THE important question raised by Bro. HAWKINS in our last demands the very best consideration of all Masonic students. Abstractedly and "prima facie," there can be no doubt that such a Masonic Archæological Association is both desirable and needful in the best interests of a study of our Masonic antiquities which of late years has happily received both encouragement and adherents. But when we come to the concrete actuality, and have to deal with the likelihood of success, we cannot at present affect to be very sanguine, remembering some latter-year experiences in the same direction. We had an Archæological Institute or Association some few years back, which started under fair auspices, and with much promise of support and prosperity in the shape of life members, &c., and yet, like the "little farthing rush-light" of poetic celebrity, went out all of a sudden, leaving us in the haze and darkness we were in before. If that apathy and indifference which seem to affect all Masonic literary efforts and archæological studies in our good Craft in a general way could be got over, we have no doubt but that there is both room and work for such a Society, to which we should wish all success, and which we should be most glad to help forward in any way. There are plenty of fitting elements afloat in our Craft just now for such a purpose, and if properly started, and skilfully directed by experts, not merely by amateurs, such a Society might, we feel sure, become a permanent and useful offshoot of the Masonic tree, and help forward efficiently the progress of Masonic literature and Masonic archæology amongst us at the present hour. We shall be glad to receive other and competent opinions on the subject.

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THE whole of the English Craft, and not the least our good brethren in Warwickshire, will sympathize deeply with our esteemed and distinguished Bro. LORD LEIGH in the great and irreparable loss which has befallen himself and his family, by the sad accident which has befallen his eldest son, lately travelling in America. Mr. GILBERT LEIGH, M.P., was a young man of great promise and many excellent gifts, and had he been spared, in the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., in this his early career, would have

been an ornament to his country, just as he was a most attached and affectionate member of his family circle. We can partly realize how such a sudden telegram must be a very heavy blow to a father's and mother's heart, to the hopes of a family and the rightful anticipations of public life. The sympathies of our entire Craft will go with Lord LEIGH and his grieving family.

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We think it well to call special attention to the description of the Masonic Hall, Leeds, given elsewhere, and which belongs to the Philanthropic Lodge. It is both an example and incentive to others to follow the same steps, and seek after the same results. Freemasonry in this country would rise to a higher position and prestige than ever if in all our large towns we could point with justifiable pride to such a hall, so Masonically designed, and so artistically decorated. All honour to the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge!

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

### GREAT GATHERING AT ULVERSTON.

In response to the command of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, upwards of 500 brethren from all corners of the division gathered at Ulverston on Wednesday afternoon, the 24th ult., when the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held. The well-sustained vitality of the Order in this section of the United Kingdom was demonstrated in a remarkable way by this very large attendance, as Ulverston stands at the extreme corner of the province, necessitating a double journey by the Liverpool and other brethren, which occupied nearly seven hours in its accomplishment. The place of meeting was felt to be somewhat inconvenient. The brethren from Liverpool travelled by "special" from Lime-street, starting at 10.15, reaching Ulverston shortly after one o'clock, and the return journey occupied nearly four hours.

The Craft lodge was opened shortly after one o'clock under the banner of Lodge No. 995, the acting W.M. being Bro. S. M. Harrison, the W.M. of Lodge No. 32. The acting S.W. was Bro. T. R. Jolly, 113; the J.W., Bro. J. W. Jenkins, 995; and I.G., Bro. Grundy, 995. The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and other members of the Grand Lodge, on entering the lodge, were received with the usual honours.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M., Prov. G.M., was supported by

Bros. Col. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M.; W. Goodacre, P.G.R.; the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.G.C.; T. Tunstall, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Andrew, P.G.D.C.; J. Newsome, P.G.S.B.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; J. M. Kerr, P.G.S.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; J. Preston, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Burgess, P.P.G.P.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Davies, P.G.P.; W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Tyrer, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Bucknell, P.P.G.A.D.C. Staffordshire; H. Firth, P.G.J.D.; H. Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Chadwick, P.G. Sec. East Lancashire; R. Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Bagot, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. W. Johnson, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Cook, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; W. J. Lunt, P.G. Treas.; L. R. Ayre, P.P.G.C.; J. Ramsden, P.G.D.; J. M. Morgan, R.N., P.P.G.C.; W. J. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.S.D.; Robert Robinson, P.P.G.S.D.; C. H. Oliver, P.P.G.O. Mon.; R. Pearson, P.P.G.R.; J. W. Mycock, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Balmer, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; T. B. Spencer, P.P.G.C.; W. W. Cottam, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Longman, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Clayton, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; E. Andrew, P.P.G.O. Cheshire; M. Hart, P.G.D.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; Councillor E. Paull, P.C.S.; J. E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; Councillor S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Hunter, P.P.G.P. Cumberland and Westmorland; J. Dodd, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Whiteside, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Longmuir, P.P.G.D.C.; G. B. Nalder, P.G.S.; B. Y. Hearn, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Houlding, P.P.G.R.; N. Bethell Jones, P.P.G.C.; S. Jew, P.P.G.S.W.; B. Taylor, P.P.G.T. East Lancashire; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Crosby, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Timpson, P.P.G.P.; T. Milligan, P.P.G.J.D.; J. P. McArthur, P.P.G.J.W.; J. F. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Buxton, P.P.G.R.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; Councillor J. Poole, P.G.S.W.; J. Whalley, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Brackenbury, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.G.S.D.; W. Longbottom, P.G.S.; Robert Foote, P.G.S.; D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C.; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B.; C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. Eng.; P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire, P.P.G.S.D. Durham, P.P.G.P. Northumberland; P. Murray Hunter, P.G.J.W.; Henry Valloner, P.G.S.D.; W. Greatrex, P.P.G.P. Cheshire; J. Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; and Rev. Henry George Vernon, P.P.G.C.

Amongst the numerous brethren from the different parts of the province were

Bros. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 155; R. Burgess, W.M. 1609; J. L. Shrapnell, I.P.M. 1609; J. Atkinson, P.M. 1609; W. Savage, P.M. 1609; J. M. Boyd, S.W. 1609; T. L. Duncan, A.S. 1609; E. Graham, 1609; D. Cumming, 1609; G. Wilde, 1609; I. Jacobs, 1609; Louis Peake, P.M. 1035; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; T. Hatton, J.W. 2042; D. Keith, I.G. 2042; Major H. J. Nicholls, J.D. 2042; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; J. Robinson, W.M. 995; Gibson Sinclair, P.M. 32; J. M. King, W.M. 823; R. A. Davies, W.M. 1380; R. Johnson, W.M. 1013; J. Lees, J.W. 667; the following W.M.s.: Evan J. Callow, 1094; J. Ashley, 1356; Joseph Williams, 220; Joseph Barnes, 730; John Ashley, 1356; C. Wadsworth, 292; R. A. Davies, 1380; Dr. A. Soldat, 1547; Peter Thomas, 1505; J. W. Archer, 1256; Lawrence Walmesley, 986; Thomas Eastham, 333; William G. Monk, 343; William Daniel, 484; J. Kirby Turner, 959; Joseph D. Bell, 1353; Thomas Bowling, 1066; Thos. Ball, 1403; Thomas Bayley, 281; E. Catrall, 203; D. M. Gaslin, 897; D. Morris, 1570; Jos. Rufort, 1354; E. H. Barnett, 1225; John Jenkins, 995; Thos. R. Jolly, 113; R. H. Robinson, 1213; E. W. B. Ashburner, 1398; Sam. M. Harrison, 32; S. W. A. Hulse, 673; C. Fish, 703; Geo. Crute, 1264; Wm. H. Vevers, 594; T. P. Chapman, 1325; C. Bargery, 1756; Thos. Delamere, 1620; George Nelson, 1021; J. Hughes, 1675; John Humphreys, 724; and R. Harley, 1473. The following P.M.'s were also present: Bros. F. J. Pentin, 1713; G. Beekin, 724; J. Walton, 1398; R. Davies, 1387; C. E. Hindley, 148; D. Smyth, 1225; J. C. Mather, 1345; T. Nevett, 113; E. Barber, 113; T. Westwood, 1715; J. Beesley, 823; J. W. McTear, 86; T. Hutton, 203 and 2042; P. C. Asbury, 1620; M. Haslum, 1021 and 1225; C. Richards, 1021; G. S. Heath, 1021 and 1225; J. Reid, 1021; R. Cassin, 995; J. Commings, 724; R. J. L. Kynaston, 1393; S. Liddle, 220; G. H. Evans; R. R. Martin, 1182; J. Holme, 1325; R. B. Burgess, 1325; W. Williams, 1356; R. E. Milton, 1756; J. Grierson, 1756; H. Wyatt, 1473; J. Mossop, 1715; A. Pedersen, 594; P. R. Roe, 343; J. Wirmard, 1403; J. Case, 998; A. Beattie, 443; E. Johnston, 1756 and 203; P. J. Whitehead, 1313; J. Staurtson, 1021; J. Fielding, 1526; G. Godfrey, 673; H. Burrows, 673; P. Turnbull, 703; P. B. Gee, 1264; F. G. McNally, 995; D. Jones, 155; J. H. Barrow, 1070 and 155; E. Lister, 995; J. Wilding, 333; R. Blake, 1398; F. Bell, 1398; J. Winsor, 203 and 241; S. Hind, 1613; T. Grieve, 1398; W. Harrison, 995; J. Spedding, 995; C. C. Wilson, 897; P. M. Larsen, 594; S. G. Sinclair, 32; J. R. B. Pickings, 281; J. A. Orr, 950; J. Bamber, 962; H. Pitts, 1620; W. Furman, 1354; J. Pilling, 1393; T. Hassall, 1213; W. Richardson, 1250; S. Wylde, 1403; J. Ellershaw, 1353; J. Hatch, 281; R. Bee, 314; J. Bromley, 1375; J. Wood, 1094 (*Freemason*); and others.

The chair in the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly taken by the Earl of Lathom as Most Worshipful Grand Master; the Wardens' chairs being

filled by the Right Hon. Col. Stanley, D.P.G.M.; Bros. J. Poole, S.W.; and P. Murray Hunter, J.W. The Grand Lodge having been duly opened in accordance with Masonic ritual, the names of various lodges, 83 in number, were read over, the only lodge which had no representative present being the Harmonic Lodge, Liverpool, No. 216. The minutes of the last Provincial Lodge were then read and approved of. The next business was the reading of the accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. J. Lunt, which showed there was a balance of £2674 to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Fund of Benevolence, &c.

Bro. Col. TURNER, P.P.G. Treas., moved the election of Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1182, as P.G. Treas., and in doing so referred to the valuable Masonic services he had rendered, especially in connection with the West Lancashire Masonic Institution.

Bro. W. J. LUNT, the retiring P.G. Treas., said it gave him very great pleasure to second the nomination of Bro. Martin. It would be invidious, he said, to dilate upon Bro. Martin's many excellences, as he was so well known to the brethren, among whom his name was a household word. (Applause.) No man, he was sure, had done so much in the cause of Freemasonry and for its Charities as Bro. Martin. (Applause.)

The nomination was carried with unanimity.

Bro. R. MARTIN, in acknowledging the vote, expressed his gratitude to the brethren for the expression of esteem in which it appeared he was held by them. He could only say that the little work he had done in connection with the Masonic Charities had only been a work of pleasure to him, and not merely a work of business. He trusted that his duties as Prov. Grand Treasurer would be faithfully performed, and that they would have nothing to regret in having appointed him to that high and dignified position. (Applause.)

Subsequently in investing Bro. Martin, the R.W.P.G.M. heartily congratulated the brethren on their choice.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then proceeded to invest the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. G. H. Evans, 1354	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Aymer Ainslie, 995	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. J. Shepperd, 333	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Robert Martin, 1182	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. B. Nalder, 1225	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Goodacre, 1588	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. C. Erwin, 1393	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" John Case, 993	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Councillor E. Paull, 1356	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Dr. Arthur Samuels, 1350	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" John A. Orr, 950	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. M. Kerr, 730	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. G. Collins, 1375	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Richard Ripley, 1547	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" F. J. Pentin, 1713	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Dr. H. Y. Pitts, 1620	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. Elton, 343	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" R. Davies, 1387	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. P. Bryan, 1035	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. N. Davies, 1256	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Longbottom, 1013	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" J. E. Ogleshorpe, 1353	...	...	...	
" J. H. Barrow, 1070	...	...	...	
" Peter B. Gee, 1264	...	...	...	
" J. Hatch, 281	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. Cain, 724	...	...	...	
" John Beesley, 823	...	...	...	
" Peter Ball (re-appointed)...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. H. Ball	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, in the course of his annual report, referred in feeling terms to the death of Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. Grand Secretary, and alluded to his active exertions on behalf of candidates for election on the foundation of their Masonic charitable institutions. The Masonic experience Bro. Alpass brought to bear on the performance of the duties appertaining to his office, and the great interest he took in the general welfare of the Craft, must have won admiration from those who had the honour of his acquaintance. During the past year the province had been successful in carrying the elections of three old men, and at the forthcoming election there was a candidate for the Boys' School. In order that the province might continue as successful as it had hitherto been, he (the Prov. G. Secretary) reminded all who had votes for the Masonic Charities that "union is strength," and votes given without discrimination must often be wasted. If, therefore, they were to merit the success hitherto attending upon them, they must act unitedly and concentrate their voting strength on those candidates chosen by the province. He (the Prov. Grand Secretary) earnestly urged upon the W.M.'s of lodges the importance of having their annual returns made out as soon as possible after the 30th June. Ten days ago there were 27 lodges whose fees were unpaid, and brethren would readily understand that much inconvenience must arise from the returns and payments being so long delayed. On the 5th December last, Grand Lodge approved the revised edition of the Constitutions, which was published on the 1st January; and it was important that W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and brethren should give special attention to, and make themselves acquainted with, the alterations effected. He (the Prov. Grand Sec.) desired to draw their attention to the following: "Rule 130.—If it should become impossible to hold either the election or the installation meeting on the day provided in the bye-laws, the Prov. Grand Master may grant a dispensation for the holding of such meetings not more than seven days before or after, which day shall be deemed the regular day of meeting." Rule 165 provides that lodge meetings falling on Christmas Day, Good Friday, or a public holiday, may be held the day before or after, at the W.M.'s discretion. Rule 172 says: "The names of all members and all visitors attending a lodge must be recorded upon the minutes." Rule 212 provides that any lodge failing to make due inquiry of the former lodge of a joining member shall be liable to pay his arrears, if any be owing to his former lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he must express one word with reference to the first paragraph in the foregoing report, with regard to the sad loss they had experienced in the death of Bro. Alpass. He could assure them that not one among them felt more deeply than he did that loss. Ever since he had had the honour of ruling over this province, Bro. Alpass had been his right-hand man, his adviser, and his counsellor; and he could not tell them how much he owed to him, nor could he express to them how sin-

cere his sorrow was. Bro. Alpass was a great prop to Freemasonry, and they all sincerely mourned his loss. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Col. STANLEY, M.P., D.P.G.M., proposed a vote of condolence with the widow of the late Bro. Alpass. Their deceased brother, as their R.W. Master had said, was a great prop to Freemasonry in the province; but it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to call him from amongst them, and to place him among the more finished stones of that edifice to which they all aspired to form a part; and he had left behind him, he ventured to say, not one who had ever harboured an unkindly thought or feeling against him. (Hear, hear.) Wherever he went his urbanity, his courtesy of manner, and his uniform kindness of heart made him as welcome to all lodges as he was to his mother lodge. He begged to propose that a heartfelt vote of condolence be passed in favour of the widow of Bro. Alpass.

Bro. the Rev. T. B. SPENCER, P.P.G. Chap., vicar of St. James', Preston, in seconding the motion, said that Bro. Alpass, as a Mason, was heart and soul in that cause, and whenever he could advance the interests of the Order he always did so. Personally, he (the speaker) had lost a friend in Bro. Alpass's death, and he was sure they all felt the same.

The motion was then unanimously agreed to.

The Charities Committee having been elected, Bro. E. PIERPOINT, P.P.G.S.D., moved that the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, which was agreed to.

Bro. PIERPOINT then moved that the sum of 200 guineas be voted from the Charities Fund to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which was seconded by Bro. G. BROADBRIDGE (Liverpool), who said that the West Lancashire Educational Institution was doing a great work quite independently of all other charities. By the recent alteration of the bye-laws they had been enabled to take certain of their children, and not only educate but support them, and they hoped before long to do that to a much larger extent with the children they already had on the foundation.

The motion was agreed to with acclamation.

Bro. J. B. M'KENZIE, P.P.G.S.D., moved, "That the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund towards the Lathom testimonial portrait to be placed in the chief lodge-room of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool." Bro. M'Kenzie in submitting the motion said it had been thought desirable that they should in some measure perpetuate the name of one who had done so much for Freemasonry in the province and throughout the world, and he was sure it only required that this motion should be mentioned to meet with ready acceptance. (Applause.)

Bro. R. MARTIN cordially seconded the motion, which was put by Bro. Col. STANLEY, D.G.M., and carried unanimously.

Bro. HENRY A. TOBIAS, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, proposed that 50 guineas be voted from the Charity Fund of the province to the Hamer Benevolent Fund, in the name of the R.W. Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire, which was also agreed to.

On the motion of Bro. J. HOULING, P.P.G.R., it was resolved that a sum not exceeding £15 be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge towards the assistance of William Reginald Roberts, son of the late Bro. William Roberts, of the Everton Lodge, No. 823.

Bro. R. MARTIN, P.G. Treas., read the report of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, which stated that a greater measure of support had been accorded to the fund during this year, the income from donations and subscriptions being more than double the amount contributed in the previous year. The Committee, while being very grateful for this additional help, still felt that the Charity was not supported in the province as it should be; in proof of which it was only necessary to state that, although the number of contributing lodges had materially increased, the words "no return" appeared even now against the names of at least two-thirds of the lodges and chapters in the province. During the year just closed a special appeal had been sent to every lodge and chapter asking for aid, and pointing out the claims which this Charity had upon the sympathies of the brethren of this province, and the likelihood in the perhaps immediate future of large demands being made upon its resources in relieving the necessities of those for whose benefit the fund exists. The Committee rejoiced in the great success which continued to attend the operations of the sister Charity, and in the increased advantages which were now being extended to those upon its foundation; and the Committee of the fund expressed the belief that the great work which was being done for the young by the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution might proportionately be done for the aged and distressed (though of course not upon the same lines) by the Hamer Benevolent Fund, if adequate support were given to it, and the province would thus become almost, if not altogether, independent of the London Institutions, making the great, important, and influential Province of West Lancashire self-supporting with regard to Masonic Charity. The funds of the Hamer Institution now amounted to £1700 16s., as against £1442 19s. 8d. last year, showing an increase of £257 16s. 4d. In conclusion, the Committee desired most cordially to thank all who had worked for and contributed to the fund during the year, and hoped for their continued and, when possible, increased support in the future; to those who had not hitherto contributed, the Committee again appealed, and asked for their kind consideration, so that the words "no return" which followed the names of so many lodges and chapters might soon altogether disappear from the reports of the fund.

The report was adopted, and officers for the ensuing year were appointed. A sub-committee was appointed to make arrangements for securing an office in Liverpool for the use of the Prov. G. Secretary. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren, after business, dined at the Victoria Hall, and, in the absence of the P.G.M. and D.G.M., the chair was taken by the P.G.S.W. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a choice programme of music was provided by Bros. H. J. Nicholls, D. Williams, J. T. Jones, and O. J. Rowlands, under the direction of Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.G. Org.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The meeting of the above Grand Lodge was held on the 29th ult. at Birkenhead, under the banner of the Joppa Lodge, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master of England, and the Right Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason of Cheshire, presiding. The usual Provincial Grand Lodge business was transacted, after which the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were passed, and the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer and Tyler proceeded with.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
„ George Morgan	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ George K. Benson	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Dr. Young	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
„ T. Emmott Skidmore	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
„ Timothy Webster	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
„ Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Fredk. K. Stevenson	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ Richard Newhouse	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ J. Matthew Jones	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
„ William Roberts	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ William Parker	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ Ernest Brassey	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
„ N. Robertson	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ G. Wynne	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ William M. Wylde	...	...	Prov. G. S.B.
„ R. R. Martin	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ T. H. Kirk	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ Hugh D. Roberts	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
„ W. G. Cronan	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
„ William Frinchett	...	...	
„ David Baynes	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, presided over by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to.

### REOPENING OF A MASONIC HALL AT LEEDS.

The brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, assembled on the evening of the 24th ult., for the purpose of reopening their Masonic Hall, which has been closed for some months, and undergone a thorough redecoration.

The hall is one of the best in Yorkshire. The lodge room is a double square, measuring 88ft. long by 44 ft. wide. It is divided into five bays by broad arches resting on light pillars, with foliated capitals and corbelled bases. The roof is a wagon-shaped groined vaulting, springing from capitals of pillars which are 24ft. from the floor, the total height in the centre being 40ft. The east bay, which is divided from the rest by a broader arch supported from the floor by two tiers of double pillars, is richer in character and different in construction from the other bays. It is ornamented with ten Gothic arches, six of which are on the east wall, and two on each of the north and south returns. From the cornice above these arches the roof is coved, being divided by ribs springing from the cornice to the main arch. In the bays on the south side four lancet-headed windows have been opened out, and these are glazed with quairies of tinted cathedral glass in lead. On the north side are the entrances and fireplaces. The upper wall of the west end is divided by one large central and two smaller pointed arches, which are ornamented with simple tracery, and rest upon pillars corresponding with those on the north and south sides. The polychromatic decorations are in the mediæval style, carried out in strict accordance with the architecture of the room, and are rather suggestive of high-class church work, a characteristic made more striking by the amount of symbolic ornament used.

The general effect is at the same time richly ornate, and also bright, cheerful, and warm. The dado is of dark chocolate colour, and immediately above it, and below the string course, the space is filled with a diapering and indented border, in low-toned greens. The string course and walls above, up to the ribs of roof arches, are painted a warm stone colour. Upon the string course a running ornament in dark red has been introduced, and at intervals occur a series of tablets in blue. On these are inscribed in gold: "Obedience," "Fidelity," "Truth," "Honour," "Virtue," and "Charity" (each of which it is the ambition of all true Masons to practise). Above this, to the height of the capitals of pillars, the walls are marked out by a simple form of the ancient "brick pattern," symbolising Masonry, surmounted with a band and cresting of elaborate design and colour. Round the windows is a border of pleasing character. A special feature of the ornamentation of the opposite side, and, indeed, of the general scheme of decoration, is the lancet-headed triangular medallions, with their ornamental borders. These medallions enclose trefoils, on which are painted on quaintly figured blue and red grounds, in monochrome and gold, the winged emblems of the four Evangelists. The pillars supporting arches are painted in a low-toned blue, and are encircled at tops and bases with ornamental bands of gold and black; the foliated capitals and corbels are in stone colour, richly relieved with gilding. The ribs of roof and arches are painted a light oak colour, with enrichments of gold. The spandrels of arches are filled with chastely-designed conventional scroll-work in tones of red, green, blue, and gold, and the alternate spaces are painted a cobalt blue, dotted with golden stars. The central part of the roof is divided into panels, in which are effectively introduced the Masonic colours of blue and crimson. In the middle is a quatrefoil within a circle containing the letter "G" in pure white upon a deep crimson ground, with radiations of gold. Another quatrefoil contains interlaced triangles, and between these are the ventilators, to which are suspended the two handsome wrought sun chandeliers which light this magnificent room. The soffits of the broad arches at the east and west ends of the room are painted a light tone of Venetian red, with ornamental margins of green. The decorations consist of a series of 12 ground quatrefoils, alternating with panels containing conventional ornament; within the quatrefoils upon the east arch are depicted the signs of the Zodiac in light tints, freely and vigorously drawn in semi-naturalistic character. The narrow arches springing from double pillars are ornamented with zigzag margins, with a running pattern in the centre. At the west end the three arches are connected by a figured band, and at the top of the central arch are represented a crescent moon and stars in gold on azure ground. Above this is a circle containing a golden pentagon on a purple field. The spandrels contain foliated ornaments of similar character to those of the side arches.

The eastern bay, architecturally lending itself to a richer treatment, has been emphasised by the decorators in the ornamentation, and cannot fail to be the centre of attraction (not only from the character of the tried and honoured brethren who will occupy that exalted position, but also from the especial richness of the mural decorations). It is approached by a semi-circular dais of two steps covered with a blue carpet, the edges of the steps

being decorated with devices symbolising water and fire. This dais leads up to the platform, upon which is placed the Worshipful Master's chair, and on each side are ranged the seats of the Past Masters. At the back of these seats, is a high dado, with a shaded chocolate ground, decorated with a brocade pattern in lighter tint and gold, figurative of the fruitful vine. Upon the string course is inscribed in golden letters, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The walls above are painted warm stone colour, and the space up to the corbels which support the arches is marked out with a "brick pattern" of more elaborate design than that upon the other walls. This is bordered with an elaborate band of ornament of varied colours, and above the Worshipful Master's chair is painted the "All-seeing Eye." The 10 arches are filled with a diaper, with a circular medallion in the centre of each, enclosing a gold ground trefoil, on which the principal symbols of the Masonic Order are illustrated. The spandrels are ornamented with conventional scroll work in polychrome upon gold coloured ground. The central one, containing a circle, is tinted purple, and filled with a double triangle in gold, an emblem which all true Masons are taught to revere. The cove of roof between the ribs is painted to represent the canopy of Heaven, above the cornice the sun is portrayed as rising, and with his "genial rays of light and heat dispersing the clouds of night."

The decorations have been planned and arranged by Bro. Wm. Pratt, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, P.G.S.B., and the work carefully executed in a permanent and thoroughly efficient manner by the firm of Messrs. Christopher Pratt and Sons, upholsterers and decorators, Bradford, under the skilful and artistic directions of Mr. Beaven, their able decorative manager, by whom the various ornaments and devices have been drawn. First-class workmen have been employed, as is evident from the finished characters of all the work.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock by Bro. James Yates, W.M.; Bro. E. Woodstock, S.W.; and Bro. Thos. Myers, J.W.; and in the presence of a large number of brethren. The minutes of the last meeting of the lodge having been read and confirmed, the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, entered the lodge, accompanied by the following members: Bros. John Wordsworth, P.P.G.W.; the Rev. Canon Bullock, Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.P.G. Chap.; Wilson, P.P.G. Treas.; Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; Alderson, P.P.G.R.; Craig, P.P.G.D.; Smithson, P.P.G.D.; Freeman, P.P.G.D.; H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec.; Spark, P.P.G.O.; J. L. Oates, P.P.G.P.; Winn, P.P.G.S. of W.; Austin, Prov. G.S.B.; and H. Green, Prov. G.A. Sec.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in welcoming the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, said: I esteem it no light honour that it has fallen to my lot during my year of office to preside at the re-opening of these premises. It had long been contemplated by the more earnest members of the lodge to decorate and embellish this noble hall, and to improve the adjoining rooms; but these steps had necessarily to be postponed until the complete redemption of the hall debentures had been accomplished, and the property fully vested in the lodge. This having been done through the untiring exertions of the Hall Committee, we have now to congratulate ourselves on its consummation. I need hardly remark that the undertaking was one requiring considerable courage and hope—courage because the expense involved was considerable, and hope that these rooms might ultimately become the centre of Leeds Masonic life. Many of our brethren contend that Leeds possesses advantages of centrality and readiness of access second to no town in the province. We, therefore, not only have accommodation for the requirements of the town itself, but also for the provincial gatherings connected with the various degrees of Freemasonry. I think I express a very general opinion when I say that the contractors to whom we entrusted the decoration and beautifying of these rooms have carried out our instructions in a painstaking and artistic manner, and I cannot forbear congratulating not only ourselves, but also the brethren of other lodges who meet in these premises, and trust they will experience the gratification and comfort which has ever been kept before the minds of the Committee. The outlay involved has somewhat encroached upon our resources, but we indulge in the hope that our income may be increased so that no permanent burden may be felt. I not only very heartily welcome the distinguished brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge who have honoured us with their presence this evening, but also my contemporary Worshipful Masters and their brethren of the other Leeds lodges.

The D.P.G.M. was then saluted in ancient form.

In answer to the salutation, the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER stated the pleasure he had in coming to Leeds on the present occasion. He congratulated the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge on possessing the very handsome hall in which they were assembled, which he said was one of the most beautiful he had ever seen, and he reiterated the wish of the W.M. that all the lodges would in time assemble within its walls, and so be in reality the home of Masonry in Leeds.

The Rev. Canon BULLOCK, Prov. Grand Chap., having read a portion of Scripture, and offered solemn prayer, the W.D.P.G.M. then declared the hall duly open for Masonic purposes.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C., who was prevented from being present owing to important business in London, sent the following address, which was read by Bro. Mason, P.M.:

"W.M., Wardens, and Brethren,—It was my great privilege, as some of you will remember, to be permitted to deliver the opening address of this goodly Masonic Hall, now many years ago, and I am truly glad to be allowed to say a few more words to day when we are assembled after a renovation and restoration of various kinds, to commemorate alike its original erection and its present reopening. Let me congratulate you all, as now the Senior P.M. of the lodge, on the good work so happily accomplished, and so successfully carried out. When first I joined the Philanthropic Lodge, something like 30 years ago, we met in the Harrison Arms, in a lane at the top of Briggate. We then moved to Commercial-street, over Wood's, and thence to Bond-street. There it was that the plan of this Masonic Hall was elaborated and carried out by our lamented Bro. Perkins, and with the services and efficient aid of many good brethren past and gone, and some few 'old boys' who still survive. The Philanthropic Lodge, since it left the Harrison Arms, a great deal at my persuasion, and with the hearty assent of a large majority of brethren, has never had cause to look back, but has always gone forward. I am myself convinced, after a Masonic membership of 40 years now, more or less, that lodges always thrive the best when in their own halls, and away from the mere occasional and convenient accommodation of the hotel system. Freemasonry is something more and something better than a mere routine of customary ritual and social gatherings, however good in their way; and the possession of a hall makes a Masonic Body not only carefully to preserve their valuable

archives, to indulge in the needful appendage to every lodge of a library and museum, but also, from time to time, to encourage and hail the appearance among them of our fair sisters, who not only lend enchantment to the sight, and grace to the scene, but aid in confirming and illustrating the elevating tendencies and ennobling aspirations of all true Freemasonry. Happily associated together to complete the successful labours of those who have done a good work, may our meeting this evening be a happy omen of the peaceful progress and unchanging harmony of the Philanthropic Lodge. May all good go with it in its Masonic labours and its charitable efforts. May its younger members emulate their older brethren in seeking to uphold and perpetuate the prosperity and welfare of the Philanthropic Lodge. Had I been present I might have said much more, but you will, I think, not find fault with this short address amid other more agreeable claims and more engrossing occupations, and kindly accept the 'Hearty good wishes' and the fraternal congratulations of an old Freemason and an old Past Master."

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Tew (who had travelled from Gloucestershire in order to be present), and to Bro. Woodford, P.G.C., for his able address.

Bro. Tew, in responding, stated the regret he felt at the absence of Bro. Woodford. He remembered with pleasure the labours of Bro. Woodford in the province, especially as first chairman of the Charity Committee, and also the kind assistance he had always rendered during his residence in London to all that affected the welfare of the province of West York.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having retired, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining room, where dinner was served.

### ANOTHER OLD BALLOTING PAPER.

The recent insertion of an old Balloting Paper of the Masonic Institution for Boys, has induced our worthy Bro. J. H. Sillitoe to favour us with a copy of a similar relic in connection with our Institution for Girls for the year 1794. We have great pleasure in inserting the document, which speaks for itself, and is as follows:—

### Royal Cumberland Free-Mason School.

February 10th, 1794.

A SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors of this Institution, will be held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-Inn Fields, on Thursday, the 27th instant, to ballot for the Admission of *Two* Children into the Society (conformable to the Regulations) from among the Candidates in the List subjoined, whose Petitions have been received and approved by the General Committee.

The Chair to be taken at Seven o'Clock.

C. CUPPAGE, Secretary,  
Warwick Street, Golden Square.

Ninth and Tenth Rules relative to the Qualification of Governors, vide Page 18, in the Book of Rules for conducting the Charity.

"IX. Every Nobleman, Member of Parliament, Lady, Master of a Country Lodge, and Governor not residing within the Bills of Mortality, shall have a right to vote by Proxy at all Ballots and Elections."

"X. That any Subscriber who may happen to be in Arrears, shall be precluded voting at any Election, until such Arrears are paid."

First and Third Rules relative to the Qualifications of Children, &c. vide Page 32.

"I. That the Petitions and Testimonials required of the Candidates for Admission, shall be examined by the General Committee, who are to report the Merits of each Candidate to the Quarterly Court; and if there should be more approved by the Committee than can be received, the Admission shall be determined by Lot."

"III. That no Child shall be admitted under the full Age of Five Years, nor above the Age of Nine Years, nor any Child that is strumous, or afflicted with any Infirmity or who has not had the Small-Pox."

### LIST OF CANDIDATES.

When presented to the Committee.

1790, Nov. 29, HENRIETTA POPE, 9 in Nov. next.	Father and Mother both living, in Service, and no more Family.
1791, April 29, MARY ANN KELSAL, 9 in July next.	Mother, a Widow.
1791, Aug. 26, CHARL'E. KENDAL, 8 in March next.	Father a Serjeant in Militia, Family of Seven Children.
1792, Jan. 27, C. GREENWOOD, 9 in Oct. next.	Mother a Widow, with Three Children.
1792, May 25, HARRIET SCOTT, 8 in Sept. next.	Mother a Widow.
1793, July 26, C. HOCKSTETTER, C 9 in March next.	Mother a Widow, with Five Children.
1793, Sept. 27, LUCY FELSTEAD, C 7 in May next.	Family of Five Children, Father a Labourer in the India Warehouse.
1793, Oct. 10, CHRISN FELTON, C 9 in Dec. next.	Widow with Five Children.
1793, Nov. 29, CATHERINE SAUL, C 9 in May next.	Widow with Three Children.
1793, Nov. 29, MARY COOLING, 5½ old.	Father a Widower, with Three Children.

The Secretary on a former Occasion, took the Opportunity to remind the Governors, that at a Special General Court held on the 24th of February, 1792, it was resolved to open a *distinct Subscription* for the Purpose of erecting a commodious and substantial School House, sufficiently capacious to receive any Number of Children that the Finances of the Charity might be found competent to support; and that in consequence thereof, a *Building*, on a Plan which met with general Approbation, was *carrying into Execution* in St. George's Fields, under the Inspection of a Special Committee appointed for that Purpose. It is with pleasure that he now has the Honour to inform the Governors, that a *very considerable Progress* has been made in the *Building*, much to the Satisfaction of every Well-wisher to the Charity, and which it is presumed will be completed and ready for the Reception of the Children by Christmas next.

The Secretary further begs Leave respectfully to acquaint the Governors, that having received the Directions of the last Quarterly Court, to wait on the several Subscribers to solicit their generous Aid, to carry this benevolent Design into Effect, he will take the earliest Opportunity to wait on them for that Purpose; or their Donations will be received by

Sir PETER PARKER, Bart. Queen's Square, Treasurer;  
Messrs. RANSOM, MORLAND, & HAMMERSLEY, Pall Mall;  
Messrs. VERE, LUCADOU, & Co. No. 77, Lombard Street;  
Messrs. DORSET, JOHNSON, & Co. No. 68, New Bond Street;  
Messrs. HERCY, BIRCH, CHAMBERS, & HOBBS, No. 152, New Bond Street; and by EDWARD EDMONDS, Ivy Place, Collector to this Institution, who will wait on any Person desirous of becoming Benefactors thereto.

NOACHITE, OR PRUSSIAN KNIGHT.—Thory tells us that in 1756 this grade took its rise in Prussia, and some say was patronised by Frederick the Great. But both statements are very doubtful. Some contend that a Bro. de Bérage or De Berayge translated its ritual in 1758 from the French, and in 1766 it was published. It has no real connection with the Teutonic Knights. It is the 21st of the A. and A.S. Rite; 35th Rite of Misraim; 20th of Memphis, and 46th, 6th series, of the Metropolitan Chapter of France.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

## AN ANTI-MASONIC CIRCULAR.

We have thought it well to publish the following extraordinary production which we have received from a most respectable householder, a great friend of our own, living near Tavistock-square, as having been left at his house. He says, "I think you ought to know what is left at our houses." We therefore call the attention of our Craft to this outcome of aberration and malignancy combined:

"READ THIS AND PASS IT TO YOUR FRIEND."

"We are all familiar with what is commonly known as Freemasons' processions and we all know that Freemasonry has played a prominent part in support of Protestantism and Protestant institutions, and we think it quite in keeping with the course of things to see them laying the foundation stone of our great public buildings; and we that are not members of that Order never put the question to ourselves, are these men really Freemasons? I tell you, who has suffered at their hand, that as a rule, they are not. They are nothing more or less than (Jesuits) and are bound to support the Pope and to sacrifice everything under the penalty of death, by their own laws, which set at open defiance our own national laws, while the people of this country who are not members of this Order are not aware of it. They are in New York making an open boast that the whole country is Jesuit, both women and men, and that the doctor works the country; this is true to a greater extent than we realize. Every doctor is a Jesuit I was told, and it is impossible for any young man to graduate as a doctor of medicine until he allows himself to be roped into this Order, from which he can never come out unless by almost certain death at the hands of his brethren. They have such easy methods of putting people to death and never leaving a trace behind, and the doctors, who are all in it, return a certificate of death by heart disease or consumption; and people who are not members of this damnable Order go and come from their business every day never dreaming that such things are going on around them. At the head of all our public affairs, both in the city and in the provinces, are members of this Order, and woe betide the unhappy mortal who, if he finds out anything dare lift up his voice against them. They can kill a rat or a cat 40 yards distant; all that you can see is that it drops down, and they have as much consideration for human life as for a rat or a cat when it is set against the interests of their Order. Prussic acid is put on a piece of cotton wadding and fired at the feet of the victim or past his nose, and the least breath of it causes the person to drop and death from heart disease is the result. Another way is to damp an old cheese and put it in a warm place, and the vapour that arises from it is caught in a rubber bag. This sprayed into a room where any one is sleeping, the animalcula that is in the vapour at once attacks the lungs, causing consumption, and hundreds of people have died in this way because they have said or done something to people that they thought were quite friendly, but who were really reporting everything they were saying at their meetings. Members of this Order have made a boast that you could not get a magistrate to convict them for faults done by command of the Order, or even a policeman to take them up, as when anything is going to happen of a serious nature they are all apprised of it. It is time the public were made aware of these facts, and cause an investigation of a searching nature to be made."

"There is in this country such a thing as Freemasonry, but it is nothing in comparison to this sham Freemasonry and sham Orange Association that exist in the country. If a man wants to join a Protestant Association or the genuine Freemasons, the chances are ten to one that he is roped into the Jesuit Order. I hope that those who chance to read this may have it printed and circulated afresh, for since the Reformation in this country, people that gave up the Roman Catholic religion were unable to give up this Order, and so things have gone on from generation to generation, gaining strength from year to year, so much so, that unless we do something to prevent its dirty workings the country will have a rude surprise."

## LIVERPOOL MAGISTRATES AND THE LATE BRO. H. S. ALPASS, J.P.

At the usual quarterly meeting of the Liverpool City Justices on the 24th ult., Mr. T. S. RAFFLES, stipendiary magistrate, who presided, said that the magistrates had, since the last meeting, lost two colleagues, whose removal, though they had not been long on the bench, would, he was sure, be very much regretted—namely, Mr. Alpass and Mr. Cope. (Hear, hear.) They were both gentlemen who had taken an active part in public life—Mr. Alpass in connection with local boards and other public bodies, and Mr. Cope perhaps more in connection with philanthropic institutions. (Hear, hear.) After moving a vote of condolence with Mrs. Cope, Mr. Raffles proposed the following resolution: "That the bench of magistrates of this city, in quarterly meeting assembled, desire to place on record their deep sense of the loss they have sustained in the death of their late colleague Mr. Horace Seymour Alpass, who had diligently and ably performed the duties of a magistrate for about two years and a half; to testify their appreciation of his efficiency in other public duties with which he was connected; and to convey to Mrs. Alpass their sincere sympathy with her in the great loss she has sustained by his death."

Bro. Alderman LIVINGSTON seconded the resolutions, which were supported by Mr. W. CROSFIELD, and also by Sir JAMES PICTON, who remarked that it was a pleasure to reflect that the two magistrates whose deaths they lamented were all men of high characters and pure lives, reflecting credit on the bench of magistrates amongst whom they were enrolled, and he thought the public could not but feel that, as long as such men occupied the magisterial bench in that city, the public interests would be protected, and public morality and progress be promoted. (Hear, hear.)

The resolutions were carried unanimously.

By permission of Major General J. T. Boileau, R.E., 100 orphans, children of soldiers killed in action, were kindly entertained by Bro. John Welford, P.M., of the Warwick Farm Dairies, Maida Vale, at the Health Exhibition yesterday (Friday), when the Rev. Arthur Robins, M.A., Chaplain to the Queen and to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, also to the Troops at Windsor, kindly gave each little girl a suitable present.

## The Craft Abroad.

## THE GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

Col. MacLeod Moore, Great Prior of Canada, in his Allocation at the meeting of the Great Priory of Canada on the 4th July last, was at the trouble of explaining his views as to the expediency of the Great Priory severing its connection with Convent General in England, and obtaining a release from its allegiance to the Prince of Wales as Supreme Grand Master of the Order of the Temple. These views are so worthy, and so accurately describe the relations ordinarily existing between Masonry in the British Colonies and at home, that we think it worth while reproducing them in our columns. Said the Great Prior—"I do not hesitate to say that I never could see the necessity for wishing to be absolved from our allegiance to his Royal Highness as Supreme Grand Master of the Order. He never assumed control over, or interfered with, the independent position sought for by the nationalities; so that, in the most minute affairs of government, it could not be said that the National Great Priory of Canada had been coerced by any outside governing authority, and to all intents and purposes was perfectly independent; it being understood that it was not necessary to consult H.R. Highness in the local government of the Order; therefore, our relations under his supreme authority were only technically objectionable as regards entire independence. At the same time, it created so many doubts in the minds of our sister jurisdiction of the United States of America, that when your Committee recommended an humble petition to be forwarded, asking to be absolved from our vows of fealty, I felt that the time had arrived, and, putting aside my own personal feelings, agreed for the good of the Order in Canada to recommend the prayer of the petition; but I certainly, in the first instance, was not prepared for the final decision of Great Priory to declare independence, and then ask to be absolved. However, the magnanimous action of H.R. Highness in so readily acceding to the request of Great Priory removed all difficulties, and is only in accord with his generous and princely character."

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

The regular Quarterly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Saint Augustine Freemasons' Hall, Christchurch, on Thursday, the 17th July last. Bro. H. Thompson, D.D.G.M., presided as D.G.M., and was supported by Bro. W. Deamer, P.D.G.S.W., as D.D.G.M., the majority of the D.G. Officers, and representatives of several lodges. The first business brought before the brethren was a resolution of condolence with the widow and family of the late Bro. W. Donald, who had filled the office of D.G.M. since 1868. The resolution, which was passed unanimously, was as follows: "We, the District Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canterbury, under the E.C., in open Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express our fraternal and heartfelt sorrow at the loss of our much lamented brother, your late husband, Dr. Wm. Donald. The distinguished position of D.G. Master, which he has so long occupied in our Order, and the admirable manner he has discharged the duties pertaining thereto, have won for him the love and esteem of the whole Craft; and we trust the knowledge of this will afford you some consolation in your great affliction. To yourself and family we tender the support of our prayers, that He, who cares for the fatherless and the widow, may have you ever in His holy keeping, and, after happy and honoured lives on earth, you may be reunited in the home beyond the grave, there to shine as the stars for ever and ever." It was further agreed that the D.G. Secretary should instruct the lodges in the district to go into mourning, out of respect to their late chief, for a period of three months from the 17th July. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance to the credit of D.G. Lodge amounting to close on £541. The Standing Committee's report, in the first clause of which it was recommended, for certain reasons, not to recognise a proposed Masonic journal, having been considered, and the other business transacted, District Grand Lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities.

## CONSECRATION OF A NEW ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (S.C.) AT AUCKLAND.

At the Masonic Hall, Auckland, on Tuesday, the ceremonies in connection with the consecration and dedication of a new Royal Arch Chapter under the Scotch Constitution took place. The chapter is numbered 197 on the roll of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and its charter was received by M.E. Comp. W. McCullough, P.Z. of the Abbotsford Chapter, Thames, and the officer appointed to constitute the new chapter. The event had been looked forward to with interest by members of the Arch Degree for some time, as it was known that particular care was being taken to comply with all the ancient usages and customs of the Order, and also that on the occasion a companion high in rank—M.E. Comp. Wm. Tebbis, of St. Matthew's—had promised an oration upon the "Object and Scope of Royal Arch Masonry." The hall on the evening presented a more than usually pleasing appearance from the number and variety of Masonic symbols, emblems, banners, curtains, &c., mostly those peculiar to the Royal Arch Degree, which were either tastefully arranged around the walls, or placed in order upon the centre floorcloth. Vases of flowers helped further to set off the whole, while the scarlet, blue, and white robes of the office-bearers gave additional brightness and colour. The attendance was very large, including all the office-bearers and Principals of the Ara, Auckland, and Remuera Chapters. The presiding Principals were M.E. Comps. W. McCullough, Z.; W. Lodder, H.; and W. Tebbis, J.; while occupying seats on the dais were M.E. Comps. Dawson, La Roche, Clarke, Cooper, Levy, Sloan, Kitt, Skinner, and Nelson. M.E. Comp. Bennett acted as S.E. during the consecration ceremony, and under the direction of so well-informed a companion the proceedings advanced with becoming order.

The oration by M.E. Comp. Tebbis came fully up to the anticipations of all who attended with the hope of hearing a masterly dissertation on Royal Arch Masonry. The speaker commenced with a review of the institutions and work of Masonry generally as the custodian of the truth and the promoter of obedience to the Divine behests and of the brotherhood of man. He then passed on to an historical sketch of Masonry, showing its gradual development and growth, concluding by shadowing forth its glorious consummation in the acknowledgment of the brethren as members of the spiritual temple of the new Jerusalem.

Thus, the historic teachings of pure and ancient Masonry, in its entirety, were pointed out in marked language, presenting a picture to the mind not easily forgotten by all who had the pleasure of hearing the well thought-out oration. In the course of this address, to which the companions listened to the end with unabated interest and the most profound attention, the speaker said, "If you then ask me 'What good is Masonry? and what its objects and scope?' I reply, to keep that alive in the present and future which it has fostered and cherished in the past. The work, then, of Masonry has been to preserve the knowledge of God amidst unfavourable surroundings; to hide it and bury it if needs be in the very depths of human consciousness, far from the reach of harm, until the time should have arrived for its revelation and redevelopment; and further, to preserve and hand down inviolate the all powerful name of the Most High—that name, or word, of pardon and salvation. . . . Man, says the volume of the Sacred Law, was made in God's image; into his nostrils God breathed of His Spirit the breath of life, and so he became a living soul. It is to teach us to restore the freshness and beauty of this image, bodily, mentally, and spiritually, that is the true object and scope of all the labour of this our holy band of brotherhood." The ceremonies of consecration being ended, Comps. McCullough, Dewar, and Nichol were installed respectively as First, Second, and Third Principals, and the other officers were duly invested. After this a special vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Tebbis for his assistance, and to other visiting companions for their sympathy and attendance. The chapter was subsequently closed in ancient form, and the visitors, having partaken of the hospitality provided, dispersed, with very good wishes for the success and prosperity of the newly opened chapter.—*New Zealand Herald*, August 9th.

## Scotland.

## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

There was presented by the Grand Secretary at the meeting held on the 4th July last, of the Grand Committee of Grand Lodge of Scotland, a tabular statement showing the number of intrants, or as we call them, initiates, into Freemasonry for every year from 1800 to 1883, both inclusive. From this statement it appears that the total number thus received for the whole 84 years is 179,327, giving an average per year of close on 2135, but Grand Secretary was careful to point out, that owing to the loose system that prevailed among the lodges during the first half of the present century several thousands of intrants had never been reported for registration. The lowest number for any one year was in 1832, when the cholera visited the country for the first time; only 661 were admitted. Other years in which the numbers were low were 1804, 899 intrants; 1805, 914 intrants; 1809, 978 intrants; 1835, 794 intrants; 1837, 805 intrants; 1838, 851 intrants; 1840-1-2-3, 846, 703, 824, and 943 respectively; and 1846-7-8, 861, 942, and 860 respectively. The year of the highest number was 1877, when the intrants mustered 5365; this was the year in which the work of re-organising the business departments of Grand Lodge was undertaken. Since then, the intrants have been [in 1878, 3955; 1879, 3971; 1880, 3763; 1881, 3914; 1882, 4530; and 1883, 4743].

The statement of account for the quarter ending 26th July, 1884, shows receipts, principally fees of different kinds and rents (£309 12s.), amounting together to £1014 17s. 2d.; while the expenditure, the principal items of which were salaries, £249 3s. 6d., and Benevolent Fund, £147 17s. 3d., reached £601 15s. 3d., leaving a balance to the credit of Grand Lodge amounting to £413 1s. 11d.

It further appears from the report of the proceedings at the same Grand Committee that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has determined on following the example of the Grand Lodge of England, and issuing a new edition of its Book of Constitutions and Laws. At all events, it is recorded in the official minutes of the meeting that "in obedience to instructions of Grand Committee, approved by Grand Lodge at last Quarterly Communication, Grand Secretary submitted note of alterations on the Constitution and Laws suggested by members of Grand Committee in view of the forthcoming issue of a new edition. Grand Committee, in consideration of the importance of the subject, appointed Bros. William Officer, Major John Crombie, Alexander Hay, George Fisher, David Hume, J. Dalrymple Duncan, Dr. John Falconer, John Caldwell, John Wilson (No. 336), James Crichton, and Dr. James Middleton, as a Special Committee to carefully consider the suggested alterations on the existing code of laws, submitted under remit by Grand Secretary, and any other suggestions that may be made, and to submit a report on the same to Grand Committee at their meeting in September. Further, that such suggested alterations on the Constitution as are recommended by Grand Committee be printed in the circular summoning the Quarterly Communication for 6th November next. And, further, that Grand Lodge be respectfully recommended at their meeting on the said 6th of November to suspend their standing orders as to the alteration of laws and to give effect to such alterations and additions as may be recommended by Grand Committee, should Grand Lodge so determine."

## Birth, Marriage, and Deaths.

## BIRTH.

WOOD.—On the 28th ult., at Palm-grove, Birkenhead, the wife of G. W. Wood, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

HERRIES—HILL.—On the 30th ult., at Holy Trinity Church, Micklegate, York, by the Rev. G. M. Straffen, rector of Tillington, Sussex, Lieut.-Col. Frederic Stansfield Herries, second son of the late Lieut.-Gen. Sir William L. Herries, K.C.H., C.B., to Susanna Mary, widow of the late John W. Hill, Esq., of Millbrook, Ilkley, Yorkshire, and daughter of the late Rev. Henry Harris, vicar of Horbling, Lincolnshire.

## DEATHS.

BIRKIN.—On the 28th ult., Bro. John Birkin, late Captain 4th Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), aged 70. Initiated in Lodge 262, in the year 1841. Deeply lamented.

BIKKIN.—On the 26th ult., John Dexter Birkin, grandson of the above, aged one month.

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Upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. Lieut.-Col. JAMES PETERS, P.G.S.B., Vice-Patron:—  
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### To Correspondents.

E. G.—The difference in the Chronology is based, we apprehend, on the margin existing between Archbishop Usher's Chronology and the Rabbinical computation of time.—ED. F.M.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Auckland Evening Star," "Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday Times," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Freemasons' Chronicle," "Hull Packet," "Family Churchman," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "The Freemason" (Christchurch), "The Tricycling Journal," "Phonographic," "Court Circular," "Craftsman," "Montreal Daily Star," "Allen's Indian Mail."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1884.

### Original Correspondence.

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

### THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I find it stated in the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-book for 1884," under the heading "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry," that in 1819 Bro. Wm. Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, bequeathed £800 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture. May I ask if this lecture is now ever delivered? If so, where and when? If not, what is done

with the lecturer's fee? With whom does the appointment of a lecturer rest?

There is a letter in the "Freemasons' Magazine" for April 28th, 1858, complaining of the inefficiency of the lecturer for that year. Has any one ever held the post, or discharged its duties, since.—Yours fraternally,

E. L. H.

### EMERGENCY INITIATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A candidate was recently proposed in a lodge to which I belong in writing, in accordance with No. 185 of the new Constitutions, save that the proposition omitted to state the circumstances causing the emergency, and, in fact, the only reason for proposing him was that his proposer had inadvertently neglected to submit his name at the previous lodge. The candidate was an old inhabitant of the town, and not at all likely to be leaving it. I should be obliged if you would give your opinion—

1. Whether the omission from the proposition would invalidate it?

2. Whether the reason I have stated would be sufficiently exigent to bring it within the scope of the regulation referred to?—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

### LAW AND ORDER.

[1. If the circumstances were known to the Master, the omission would, we think, be immaterial; the object of the law being that the Master should be made acquainted with the circumstances, in order to form his opinion as to the emergency.—2. It is left to the discretion of the Master to determine what is, and what is not, an emergency; but should the matter be brought before the authorities, the Master, no doubt, would be expected to give a good reason for his opinion. In our opinion, the circumstances as stated do not constitute an emergency within the meaning of the law.—ED. F.M.]

### THE COMING ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

I am very anxious to beg for some help from your readers for J. H. Brown, 51 on the Boys' list, son of the late Sergeant Brown, Grenadier Guards, and of the Wanderers Lodge, and for Augusta Gilbert on the Girls' list, daughter of a schoolmaster attached to one of Her Majesty's Regiments, who died in Burmah, and who has very few friends, and a last chance.—Yours very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

### A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me, through the medium of the *Freemason*, to place the brethren on their guard against a person who appears to be going about levying contributions on Lodges of Instruction, &c. He represents himself as belonging to a military lodge under the Irish Constitution, and states that he held the office of sergeant in his regiment, from which he was invalided on a pension of two shillings per day.

Timely notice from a brother, who, having met him before, and seeing him in the neighbourhood, guessed his errand, saved our Lodge of Instruction from being victimised.

I enclose his application, together with our brother's warning for your perusal.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

P.M. 1237.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly insert in your next issue, "for the benefit of the Craft," the following account of a person who appears to be trading on the charity of various lodges:

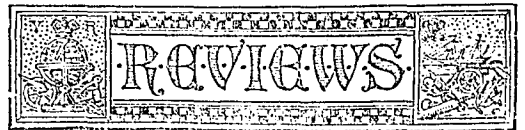
It is now about 18 months since he first came under my notice at the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge of Instruction. Stating that he belonged to, and was a P.M. of, a lodge held in New York—where he had been carrying on the business of an architect and surveyor, which he had left in the charge of his brother whilst he came to London to consult some of the best physicians respecting his sight—but on nearing the English coast he was shipwrecked, and lost all he had belonging to him, including his Grand Lodge certificate. He was picked up and landed at Falmouth, where he was kept in the hospital for three weeks. He then applied to the lodge held there for assistance; they gave him £2, and sent him on to Penzance, where he stayed two weeks, when the lodge held there gave him £2, and sent him to London. He now comes under my notice at Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, No. 898, of which I have the honour to be W.M., at our last meeting, September 24th, stating that he is nearly blind, and has been invalided home from Egypt, having been a sergeant in the 1st Royal Regiment. His lodge being ordered to the front, cannot bring his case under the notice of the Board of Benevolence. He was also in possession of a printed note-paper heading from Lodge Unity, Peace, and Concord (316), which is the lodge of the 1st Royal, which regiment, I am informed by the Grand Secretary, has not, neither is it going to be sent to Egypt, being at present quartered in Edinburgh. I could enumerate several other tales told by him, but think this sufficient to show the Craft in general that there is an impostor going about.

The paper I speak of showed that he had been relieved by lodges of sums of one guinea each in July and August. He also said the Corinthian Lodge had relieved him to the extent of one guinea. Before I found out who he was the brethren voted him one guinea also; but, fortunately for us, he had not received it when my attention was called to him as being the same as we saw at the time before mentioned. I need hardly say he did not get the money or his papers, which he seemed very much to want. They are now with the Grand Secretary, who would be pleased, I am sure, to learn anything further respecting such an imposition. Trusting I have not taken up too much of your valuable space, and thanking you in anticipation.—Fraternally yours,

F. W. PULSFORD,

W.M. 898.

At the annual meeting of the "Masonic Veterans' Association of Pennsylvania" Bros. R. F. Gould and W. J. Hughan were elected as honorary members. We believe it is the first compliment of the kind that has been paid any brethren in Europe, and will doubtless be highly appreciated by these two well-known Masonic authors. All the members must have been initiated 21 years or more on their election, hence the title of the Association.



THE AIM AND SPIRIT OF FREEMASONRY: A SERMON. By Bro. A. P. PUREY-CUST, D.D., P.G.C., Dean of York. Simpkin, Marshall, and Co., London; John Sampson, York; Deighton and Co., Worcester.

This very seasonable and reflective sermon was preached at the annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, and in connexion with the recent exhibition under the warm and kindly patronage of Sir E. Lechmere, Prov. G. Master, at Worcester. The sermon has many merits. It is not too long, and it is clear, calm, and concise. Certain leading truths are put before us in a very lucid and graceful manner, and we are led on by the preacher's thoroughly tolerant and yet straightforward words to follow him to the close of his well-sustained and thoughtful argument. We think the sermon will do good for many reasons. The name and high character of the Dean, the thoroughly manly and independent position he has assumed at York, will induce many persons to weigh well his positions, who might perhaps pass over the utterances of less well-known preachers. The Dean speaks earnestly, simply, and yet, as we said before, clearly and home to all our understandings. He points out how absolutely untrue are those rabid allegations, by whomsoever made, that Freemasonry is a Godless, lawless, revolutionary Society, and points out, with just pride and great force, its unchanged and unchanging tenets of religious reverence and secular obedience, its loyalty, its charity, its harmony, and its toleration. Well and frankly does he urge the consideration that in these disjointed days, in these times of party cries and angry shibboleths, in this epoch of Materialism, Comtism, Positivism, independent morality, and abject unbelief, the way in which Freemasons treasure God's Word is both an answer to ceaseless, if childish, calumnies, and an omen of much good for society and mankind. We have read our distinguished brother's sermon with very great pleasure, and, thinking it as truly worthy of the place, the meeting, and the great end aimed at by the goodly gathering at Worcester, we beg to commend it to the immediate patronage and perusal of all our readers, old and young. A recent Roman Catholic assailant of Freemasonry in "The Month"—Professor Smith is, we believe, his name—might do himself a great deal of good by reading calmly and carefully the sound, thoughtful, kindly, well-reasoned sermon of our good Brother the Dean of York.



### 415] A QUERY.

Can any of your Royal Arch students explain these items in a list of Royal Arch paraphernalia of a chapter in the North of England: "Seven surplices of white calico for the Principal Sojourners; seven black velvet caps for do.; three light-blue collars with metal plated gilt squares; three light-blue aprons." The last two items are not difficult perhaps to understand. The inventory was taken February 2, 1835. R.A.

### 416] PROPERTY OF CHAPTERS.

I possess a list of members and the laws in MS. of the De Swinburne Chapter, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The list of members dates from December 14, 1815, to March 14, 1834. A companion, E. Pitt, J., summons the members, November 16, 1836, to "determine the best mode of disposing of the property of the chapter." I shall be happy to return this MS. to the chapter, if it cares to possess it. Address, "Masonic Student," care of the Editor of the *Freemason*.

MASONIC STUDENT.

### 417] BISHOP WARBURTON.

Bishop William Warburton was born at Newark-on-Trent, being son of a solicitor of that town; he died 7th June, 1779. John Warburton, antiquary and herald, was born in 1681; died 1759. The possible relationship between the two might be ascertained by reference to the preface to the Bishop's life and works, London, 1788, by Dr. Hurd, Bishop of Worcester. The published letters from W. Warburton to Dr. Hurd, 1808, might also give a clue to the information sought for. P.G. SEC.

### 418] THE NINE WORTHIES.

It has often struck me as odd why the antients took up this idea, and this nomenclature. "The Nine Worthies" are well known in the old romantic poetry, and are alluded to by Thomas Middleton and others. They were originally Joshua, Judas Maccabæus, and David, Hector, Alexander the Great, and Julius Cæsar, Charlemagne, Godfrey de Bouillon, and King Arthur. In the Harleian MS. 220 Guy of Warwick is substituted for Godfrey de Bouillon or "Boulogne." According to Chaucer there were also "Nine Worthies" among the ladies. BOOKWORM.

### 419] DR. KNIPE.

Bro. Gould, in his "History of Freemasonry," while quoting from the life of Ashmole in the "Biographia Britannica," says (vol. 3, p. 171, note 2): "It has not yet been satisfactorily determined who this Dr. Knipe was;" and he gives references to the "Freemasons' Magazine" for 1863 on the point. Now, I find on reference to the "Catalogue of Oxford Graduates," that the only Dr. Knipe therein given is: "Knipe (Tho.), Ch. Ch. B.A. Feb. 22, 1660; M.A., Dec. 1, 1663; B. and D.D., July 3, 1695." This Dr. Knipe was made Head Master of Westminster School in 1695, became Prebendary of Westminster in 1707, and died in 1711. Why should there be any doubt as to his being the person referred to by the author of Ashmole's life in the "Biographia Britannica?" The writer of the life says: "What is hinted above is taken from a book of letters communicated to the author of his life by Dr. Knipe, of Christ Church," &c. Why should Bro. Gould assume, as he does in note 5, that Dr. Knipe wrote

the letters in 1747? Surely it is quite reasonable to suppose that Dr. Knipe may have sent the letters to the author of the life at any time before the life was published, especially as, so far as I can discover, no other Dr. Knipe is known to have existed. I have consulted the "Freemasons' Magazine" for 1863, to which Bro. Gould refers, but I can find nothing therein to prove that the Dr. Knipe, whose career I have given above, was not also the Dr. Knipe to whom the author of Ashmole's life refers.

#### A BROTHER AT OXFORD.

#### 420] SIR WILLIAM CORVEHILL.

I came across the accompanying "extract" in a work called "Bibliographical Miscellanies," published at Oxford in 1813, p. 66. It has special interest for Freemasons in various ways and for various reasons. It is headed, "Character of Sir Wm. Corvehill." "The following singular paper is taken from Bowen's MS. collection for a History of Shropshire, now among the late Mr. Gough's books in the Bodleian. It was transcribed by Bowen from the Register of Sir Thomas Botelar, vicar of Wenlock, in the reigns of Hen. VIII., Edw. VI., Mary, and Elizabeth. Wenlock, alias Wimmicas, was first a nunnery, erected by St. Milburga, Da to St. Nerval about 680, who presided over it. It was destroyed by the Danes, but restored by Leofric, Earl of Chester, temp. Edward the Confessor, but being decayed and forsaken, Roger of Montgomery, Earl of Arundel, Chichester, and Shrewsbury, rebuilt and endowed it, 14 Will. Conq., for a prior and convent of church monks. It was dedicated to St. Milburg, who was said to be buried here. It was afterwards granted by Hen. VIII. to Augustino de Augustinis. 1546, 26 May, burd out of tow tenements in Madfold-street, next St. Owen's Well. Sir Wm. Corvehill, Priest of the service of or Lady in this Ch., wch 2 tents, belongd to the sd service, he had them in his occupacon in pt of his wages, wch was viii marks, and the sd houses in an ovplus. He was well skilled in geometry, not by speculation but by experience; could make organs, clocks and chimes, in kerving in masonry, and silk weaving or painting, and could make all instrument<sup>s</sup> of music, &c., &c. All this country had a loss of Sir Wm., for he was a good bellfounder and maker of frames." BOOKWORM.

#### 421] THE STRASBURG ARCHIVES OF THE STEINMETZEN.

I have been looking into this question for Masonic Student (No. 403). I do not know on what authority Arnold bases his assertion that "they were destroyed to prevent them falling into the hands of the 'Jacobine Commissioners,' as I have not the work by me. These archives contain, or did contain at one time, the Ordinances of 1459. Grandier evidently saw the Ordinances in 1779, and quoted extracts. They were first published in *extenso* by Heldmann, in 1819; but he never saw the original. On page 200 he says: "The Ordinances are still preserved in the Strasburg Chapter House, and are carefully, although with no object, guarded under a triple lock." On page 201: "On my journey through Strasburg, in 1817, I took all imaginable trouble to obtain a sight of them, but in vain." "What was denied me in Strasburg I obtained elsewhere." Page 202: "The Ordinances of 1459 in the Strasburg Archives only exist in manuscript." Evidently Heldmann, in 1819, had heard no hint of their destruction. Heldmann obtained his copy of the 1459 Ordinances on loan from an unnamed architect, "who during his accidental sojourn at Strasburg at the commencement of the Revolution was enabled to obtain a true copy of the Ordinance at that time preserved in the Strasburg Lodge." This copy was in 1818 compared with one in the possession of Bro. Oesterrieth, an architect who had graduated at said lodge. The italics are in every case mine; but it is evident that the Archives existed at the beginning of the French Revolution, and no hint is given of their subsequent destruction; but, on the contrary, as Heldmann was denied a sight of them in 1817, we are justified in presuming that they were then still in existence. On the other hand, it may be argued that the supposed custodians of the treasure refused to produce the documents because they could not. G. W. SPETH.

#### 422] BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW WORK.

I am pleased to see the two friendly notes, relative to my "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," by my friends Sillitoe and Newton. Bro. Sillitoe has discovered that the warrants of the two old chapters at Burnley and Colne were signed on the 12th of May, 1769, thus bearing the same date as the extinct charter of the "Garden of Eden," Manchester, a copy of which I give in my book. It is singular that the records state these chapters "passed the seal" on the 14th July, and yet they are actually dated some two months earlier. I quite think with Bro. Sillitoe therefore that these three Lancashire warrants (2, 4, and 5 respectively) were issued simultaneously, and are thus of the same age. I am very pleased to hear of the existence of another separate Royal Arch minute book of the "Ancients," and thank Bro. Newton for mentioning the fact. No warrant was necessary for such a chapter to assemble, so long as it was under the wing of an "Ancient" lodge; but, of course, after the Union that convenient arrangement fell through, and charters became a necessity. Why cannot Bro. Newton manage to get the old chapter resuscitated, just as my friends at Falmouth did for No. 75? I am persuaded that a reduction of the minimum exaltation fee would give quite an impetus to Royal Arch Masonry, and help many a struggling chapter, because so many more Master Masons would seek to join.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### 423] DR. MORRIS'S MASONIC NOTES.

I am delighted to see an article in the *Freemason* by Dr. Morris, of Kentucky, U.S.A., because few have done so much as he has, either in England or America, to follow successfully "correspondents in their course, slow, laborious, often discouraging as it is, towards the headsprings of Masonic History."

However, I must not stay to moralize, but seek to clear up one or two points he has kindly left in my hands to elucidate. The No. 14 Lodge, of 1754, was warranted in 1723, and was 15 before the numeration of 1740-55. According to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," it was erased in 1776. Of course it is just possible the lodge was an "Ancient" or "Atholl" one, and in that case, No. 14 was warranted in 1752, but became extinct in 1782. Who shall decide?

The advertisements relating to the Royal Arch (which, though Dr. Morris has not given the dates, I presume are

of 1756, but should like to know) are most valuable and interesting. Indeed, if of the year 1756 or thereabouts, they are amongst the earliest references to that degree known. Typographically we go back to 1744, but as to minutes, the references are not so early. "Antient York Masons" doubtless is a term used to describe the "Atholl Masons" of London about 1756; "E.G." meaning "Excellent Grand" (A.G. elsewhere being in error). The letters "P.H., Z.L., J.A.," most probably are the initials of the titles, "Propheta Haggai, Zerrubabel, Legislator, aud Jeshua, Armiger," as Bro. W. Wythead suggests for similar letters to be found in York R.A. Records of 1762 (page 65 of my new work). I consider the second advertisement more faulty than the first, typographically speaking.

I expect No. 30 (of Jan. 23nd, 1756) should be 38, an "Atholl Lodge," of which Bro. Gould gives a curious account in his work on that Grand Lodge.

The "Constitutions" alluded to by Dr. Morris, he seems to have quite lost sight of, though he referred to that work some thirty or forty years ago in an interesting article thereon. It was not published by the Grand Lodge, but was a reproduction of one of the "Old Charges" or *Operative* Constitutions, known as "Cole's M.S.," which I reissued in facsimile, 1869, in my "Constitutions of the Freemasons." They are now very rare, but two copies I believe were at the noted Worcester Masonic Exhibition quite recently, and which are to be found noted in the catalogue, copies of which (2s. each) can still be had of Bro. George Taylor, Summerdyne Villa, Kidderminster.

I hope soon to see some more antiquarian notes from the veteran Masonic writer Dr. Morris, who was initiated in 1846, and has long been one of our most racy contributors.

W. J. HUGHAN.



#### Craft Masonry.

**CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).**—The session opened on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, (Café Royale). Present: Bros. P. W. Eastgate, W.M.; Jones, S.W.; Lee, J.W.; Hammond, I.P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; Waugh, P.M.; W. C. Smith, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; Brander, Stwd.; Durant, D.C.; Edell, Stevens, W. H. Smith, Higgins, Harrington, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Baker, P.M. 1305; B. Turner, J.W. 1765; A. W. Gower, S.W. 1238; R. A. Kirkaldy, S.D. 1321; W. Hodgkinson, 901; and others.

Three brethren were raised to the Third Degree. The bye-laws were read. Bro. G. F. Jones was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Hammond, I.P.M., Treas. A jewel and collar, value £10 10s., was voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Eastgate. It was moved, seconded, and carried "nem. con." that the W.M., Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, and the Officers of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, be invited to attend the installation meeting in November next. (These inter-Masonic visits with lodges having such close affinity—the Secretary is a founder and first Secretary of the Abbey Lodge—are calculated to strengthen the fraternal bonds of cordiality, &c., in lodge work and out of it, and is recommended by the Book of Constitutions.)

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together at the Café Royal, proverbial for good dinners.

**HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).**—The opening meeting of the season was held on the 27th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. Lodge was opened by Bro. C. Arnold, assisted by Bros. S. Stampfer, S.W.; A. S. Street, J.W.; A. Sack, I.P.M., Sec.; J. T. Penney, S.D.; J. W. Embrow, I.G.; F. J. Croger, E. C. Dyer, G. W. Lock, and others. Visitors: Bros. Grammant, P.M. 1559, and G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623.

There was unfortunately no ceremonial business to be performed, so, after the minutes of the installation meeting had been disposed of, and several important communications had been dealt with, the W.M. desired Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623, to work a Section. This was agreeably done, and gave a Masonic zest to the meeting.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren, forming a very select party, sat down to a really capital banquet, which reflected all possible credit upon the establishment. After grace, the W.M. in a very genial manner gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts, and the small number of brethren present induced the idea of a happy family party, and was so free from formality as to render the evening a very memorable, as well as a pleasurable one.

Bro. Sack, I.P.M., in responding for "The Past Masters'" toast, which the W.M. had given in an eulogistic speech, explained the several causes that were operating, and so preventing the attendance on that occasion of the esteemed founder of the lodge—Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M.—and some others or the Past Masters.

The toast list having been complied with at an early hour in the evening, the remaining time was devoted to harmony. Among those who contributed thereto were the W.M., Bro. Arnold, Bros. G. W. Lock, Stephens, Strut, and last, but not least, Bro. F. Julian Croger, who not only favoured the brethren as an accompanist, but also sang several capital songs of his own composing—"Floating o'er the streamlet," "What I should say," &c. Bro. Croger also favoured the brethren with several other compositions—"March of the Masons," "Grecian Wedding March," and a "Prelude à la Gavotte." Altogether a most enjoyable evening was passed by the brethren.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th ult., at the South Kensington Hotel, Queen's Gate Terrace, when there were present Bros. Metcalfe, W.M.; Hayes, S.W.; Burgess, J.W.; Walter, S.D.; Williams, J.D.; Barclay, I.G.; Oliver, Org.; Read, Barker, and Taylor, Past Masters, and the majority of the members of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. Wilmer, J.W.; Jessop, J.D.; Wate and Key, of 2020; J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.; Bryett, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Berks and Bucks; Cole, P.M. 1681; Whitley, P.M. 946; Smith, P.M. 56; Cordingley, P.M. 45; Harding, J.W. 1460; Tipper, J.D. 185; Snell, 1425; and Silcock, 1441.

This was the first time the W.M. had the opportunity of performing the ceremony of raising, he having been prevented by illness on two previous occasions. He was heartily congratulated on his restoration to health, and the manner in which he discharged his duties in raising Bro. Cockburn, and subsequently initiating a candidate, must have impressed the brethren of the Granite Lodge who were present as visitors, and of which lodge Bro. Metcalfe has the honour to be the first S.W., that they have in him a brother every way worthy to succeed their present excellent Master. The ceremony of initiation was concluded, and Bro. F. R. Hayes, W.M. elect, was presented to receive the benefit of installation. Those brethren not being installed Masters having retired, the chair was taken by Bro. Read, P.M., who concluded the ceremony, ably assisted by Bro. Taylor, P.M., as D.C., the addresses being given respectively by Bros. Taylor, Barker, and Read. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. Burgess, S.W.; Walter, J.W.; Barker, P.M., Treas.; Read, P.M., Sec.; Williams, S.D.; Barclay, J.D.; Norman, I.G.; Oliver, Org.; Schofield, Tyler; Wiggins, Steward; and invested Bro. Metcalfe, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel of the lodge.

The lodge having being closed, the brethren sat down to a very enjoyable banquet, at the conclusion of which the W.M. gave the customary toasts with very commendable brevity, saying there were so many singing brethren present he thought the company would be more delighted in listening to them than to himself.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Metcalfe, and most cordially received.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Whitley, Tipper, Wate, Key and Snell, who all expressed their pleasure in being present, and the gratification with which they had listened to the working in the lodge, especially alluding to the musical accompaniments to the ceremonies, which, from the care bestowed by Bro. Oliver, have been a marked feature in this lodge.

Bro. John Mason, in responding for "The Masonic Charities," said he was gratified to hear that Bro. Metcalfe would represent the lodge as a Steward at the next festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Widows. He would be the third Steward from the lodge for that Charity, and it had also sent Stewards twice to both Girls' and Boys' Schools, although as yet but a young lodge. He hoped the brethren would support their immediate Past Master, and thanked them very sincerely for the consistent support given to that Institution he was more particularly interested in.

"The Healths of the Treasurer, Secretary and Officers," having been given and responded to, the brethren separated, after having spent a most agreeable evening.

#### HENRY LEVANDER LODGE (No. 2048).

A regular meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday last, by Bros. H. Lovegrove, W.M.; C. J. Axford, S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; and others. The visitors, who rendered valuable assistance, were Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M., P.Z. 1507; J. Medwin, P.M.; and G. Langley. Bros. R. M. Surridge, W. H. Burgess, and H. Webb were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. W. W. Smith and S. Barfoot were initiated. The whole of the ceremonies were well carried out, and, after the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed. After a very nice dinner the usual toasts were honoured and songs given, concluding a pleasant and successful meeting.

**BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).**—The brethren of this lodge met on the 18th ult. at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., presided, supported by Bros. H. G. F. Wells, Prov. G.A. Purst, P.M., Treas., acting S.W.; Charles Armstrong, J.W.; Rev. C. F. Bonny Hawkins, M.A., Chap.; Robt. Hughes, Sec.; Henry Kimm, S.D.; W. T. Jordan, acting J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; T. J. Walder, I.G.; Jeeson, Tyler; Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40, P.M.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M.; J. B. Sargent, P.M.; W. C. Till, R. M. Lambert, Henry Drucquer, J. B. Foster, W. E. Skinner, Rashell T. Davison, M.D.; and W. A. Raper Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, P.M.

The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the motion with reference to alteration of bye-laws was put for confirmation, but, after discussion, did not pass. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned.

**LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. M. Callaghan, W.M.; W. H. Jewitt, I.P.M.; J. McCarthy, P.M.; W. C. Erwin, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; J. Pilling, P.M., D.C.; R. J. L. Kynaston, P.M.; T. Pierrepont, S.W.; R. L. Stockton, J.W.; J. Tomlin, Sec.; W. T. Oversby, S.D. F. A. Rainbow, J.D.; J. R. Hankey, I.G.; J. Smitte, S.S.; J. C. Brooks, J.S.; G. S. Shenton, A.S.; M. Williamson, Tyler; T. A. Laidlaw, J. Anderson, G. W. Baron, J. W. Tatham, J. Jones, R. Parry, and T. Roberts. Visitors: Bros. J. King, W.M. 823; G. Crute, W.M. 1624; A. Bucknell, I.P.M. 667; H. Hindle, P.M. 1620; J. White, J.W. 249; G. Mitchell, J.W. 1035; L. L. Fraser, S.D. 1264; T. McCready, J.D. 1035; T. Sefton, 241; R. L. Jackson, 292; W. Jones, 1264; W. Evans, 1086; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was promptly opened, and the minutes submitted and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Donald James Wilding, and proving favourable that gentleman was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of the Order in a very efficient manner by the W.M., he being ably supported by a first class staff of officers.

After the usual routine of business the lodge was closed, and the brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Casey, the House Steward. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice. "The Health of the Past Masters" was proposed by the W.M., who informed the brethren that Bro. Walter Irwin, P.M. and Treas., had been appointed Assistant P.G. Secretary for West Lancashire.

Bros. Jewett, McCarthy, Pilling, and Kynaston responded, and congratulated Bro. Irwin on his appointment. "The Visitors," "Newly Initiated," and "Officers" toasts followed.

**ROMFORD.—Liberty of Havering Lodge (No. 1437).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Rising Sun Hotel, on Thursday, the 25th ult. In the

absence of the W.M., Bro. F. A. White, I.P.M., P.P.G.R. Essex, occupied the chair; Bro. W. Burroughs, S.W.; and J. Humphrey, J.W. There were present Bros. H. R. Heasman, P.M.; A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex; G. W. Patmore, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex; R. J. Warren, P.M.; Parsons, Davy, Jennings, Sharp, S. Jacobs, W. Jacobs, Gilbey, Little, Hardy, King, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.M. 51, P.G. Sec. Essex; R. W. Bilby, W.M. 19; A. Knox, P.M. 1076; T. Jacobs, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.P. Herts; W. Mottey, W.M. 13; H. E. Bowles, P.M. 700; A. Britten, W.M. 829; A. Gifford, 700; and Bro. G. P. Carter, 171.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bros. P. Reynolds and A. Collins, the latter of No. 13 Lodge, were duly raised to the Third Degree in a very impressive manner by the acting W.M., the traditional history having been remarkably well rendered. Bros. Child, Parish, and Armour were regularly passed to the Second Degree. The chair was then occupied by Bro. H. R. Heasman, P.M., by the special sanction of the W.M., and Messrs. Mathew and Bird were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. No further business offering, the lodge was closed in due form, but not until after the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.M., had congratulated the lodge upon the great progress he had witnessed, and the masterly manner in which the work of the lodge had been carried out that evening; he also expressed the pleasure it gave him to see the brethren uniting in such a warm manner to support the Masonic Charities, Bro. F. A. White having informed him that very shortly every member of the lodge would be a Life Governor of one or more of the Masonic Charities.

The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, and the rest of the evening was devoted to harmony after the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honoured and responded to.

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

The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was an attendance of about a hundred brethren. The prestige possessed by this lodge is undoubted, and the earnest Masonic spirit which marks its every meeting was especially conspicuous on this annual festival meeting. "The King is dead—long live the King!" applies to lodges as it does to monarchies; for, while one popular Master in the person of Bro. Shrapnell retired from the chair of K.S., another equal favourite in the person of Bro. Richard Burgess took possession of the "throne." The meeting was exceedingly successful, the entertainment of the most enjoyable nature, and the "Dramatic" starts on another year's existence with the brightest prospects of unabated prosperity.

The officers and members of the lodge present were Bros. J. L. Shrapnell, W.M.; W. Savage, I.P.M.; J. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., D.C.; J. Atkinson, P.M.; R. Burgess, S.W.; J. M. Boyd, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, Prov. G.S.D., Treas. and P.M.; T. O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; J. Orr Marples, I.G.; H. Round, W. Parker, and E. H. Allen, Stwds.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; G. H. Wilde, S. Mattison, P.P.G.S.; D. Fleming, J. Houlst, A. Smith, I. Jacobs, C. A. Giannacopulo, E. Graham, W. T. Johnson, J. H. Greenwood, P. Lowndes, J. W. Collinson, J. S. Bramley, F. Cairns, J. Reay, W. Briscall, T. J. Irvine, T. L. Ellis, M. B. Hamann, R. M. Anderson, Rev. T. Rogers, D. Cumming, L. Veaco, J. Rawsthorne, Eaton Batty, Capt. W. Pirrie, H. Fineberg, W. Bramley, W. Hildyard, L. Hughes, C. Mawson, J. Fineberg, W. C. Fane, C. Buchanan, B. Hughes, J. H. Light, T. L. Duncan, W. Coates, J. Braham, F. Emery, and W. Hatton. The visitors present included Bros. J. Palmer, 1380; J. Latta, 241; W. Dumville, 1011; H. A. Firth, P.G.J.D.; Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.G. Chap., P.M. 1380; H. Hatch, P.M. 220; J. R. Wood, S.W. 220; W. H. Tyerman, W.M. 786; H. F. Neale, 249; T. Davies, P.G.P., P.M. 1182; E. K. Schraede, P.M. 1183; W. Middleton, 139; J. Ashley, W.M. 1356; J. Keet, P.M. 1356; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 786; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; W. J. Nugent, 673; J. A. Muir, S.D. 2042; and T. Baird, J.D. 1570.

The lodge was opened in due form by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, who concluded his year's work by efficiently installing Bro. Richard Burgess as his successor in the chair, the presentation being made by P.M.'s Sandbrook and Atkinson. The ceremony was admirably performed throughout, and at the close a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Shrapnell for having so well fulfilled the duties of Installing Master. Bro. R. Burgess, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. L. Shrapnell, I.P.M.; J. M. Boyd, S.W.; O. W. Sanderson, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, Treas. (re-elected); J. Cantor, Sec. and Org. "pro tem."; J. Orr Marples, S.D.; H. Round, J.D.; W. Parker, I.G.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., D.C.; E. H. Allen, J. Fineberg, T. L. Duncan and J. Rawsthorne, Stewards; and Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

During the ceremony, the anthem "Behold, how good," was sung by Bros. Greenwood, Dumville, Cantor, and Batty, with Bro. J. W. Collinson at the organ.

Before the close of the lodge, the newly-chaired W.M. presented Bro. J. L. Shrapnell with an artistic P.M.'s jewel, voted from the funds of the lodge. This jewel, as usual, was furnished by Bro. George Kenning, of London and Liverpool. It was unanimously resolved to send a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Bro. H. S. Alpass, Past G.S.B., P.G. Sec., who had been an honorary member of the Dramatic since its consecration.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room for dinner, the catering being again entrusted to Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., whose arrangements were of a complete and satisfactory kind. The menu card, specially executed by Bro. J. Orr Marples, S.D., was of a most appropriate and artistic design, having special reference to the well-defined musical position of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed during the evening; and in course of the proceedings Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, I.P.M., was presented with a splendid gold watch. The watch bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, I.P.M., by the brethren of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, as a mark of their esteem and in appreciation of his personal worth and valuable Masonic services." An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Greenwood, Batty, Cantor, Muir, Giannacopulo, J. R. Wood, Cairns, Dumville, Veaco, Savage, Collinson, Bryan, and others; and a Shakespearian recitation was given with fine effect by Bro. Ellis Brammall. The whole of the first-class musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Cantor.

**TEDDINGTON.**—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Clarence Hotel. Among those present were Bros. Stevens, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; E. W. Warner, S.D., acting J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.G.D.C. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. Finch, I.G.; W. Porter, Org.; T. P. Hill, M.C.; T. Goodchild, I.P.M.; J. Piller, P.M.; Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx. (hon. member); E. Blanchard, J. R. Barns, A. J. R. Simmonds, J. Bonella, W. H. Deeks, J. Gilbert, Tyler, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. H. J. Rose, and it proving to be unanimous he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., the ceremony being well performed.

Numerous letters of apology having been read, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. The W. Bro. R. Thrupp responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. R. Forge replied to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was fluently proposed by the I.P.M. In the course of his speech he congratulated the W.M. upon the success that had hitherto attended his occupancy of the chair, especially on the careful manner in which the ceremonies had been performed.

The Worshipful Master having briefly replied, the toast of "The Initiate" followed, and was responded to in a neat speech by Bro. Rose.

"The Past Masters" was replied to by Bros. Goodchild and Piller, and "The Visitors" by Bros. Beard, P.M. 946; Stedman, 138; Gibbons, 1638; and Lockett, 1638.

"The Masonic Charities" received full justice from the hands of Bro. Forge, and the toast of "The Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. Walls. The proceedings then terminated.

### INSTRUCTION.

#### PANMURE CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT

(No. 720).—The meetings of this most useful Chapter of Improvement, the necessity for which as an adjunct to the working of the Royal Arch Degree in South London has been long manifest, have been continued throughout the Masonic recess, and are now again assuming increased proportions, in respect of numbers attending and in quality of ceremonial working. Amongst those present at the meeting held on Friday last at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, were several well-known Principals and Past Principals of the Order, and in consequence, the rendering of the ritual was perfect in every respect. The chapter has the advantage of possessing complete furniture in miniature, and this, of course, adds greatly to the precision and effect of the necessary explanations comprised in the beautiful and instructive drama which it is the object of this Supreme Degree to represent.

On Friday, the 26th ult., the Chapter of Improvement was opened by Ex. Comp. J. S. Terry, Z. 720, as Z.; Ex. Comp. G. Clark, H. 1777, as H.; Comp. H. Baldwin, P.S.N., as J.; and Ex. Comps. T. Poore, P.Z. and Scribe E. 720, and James Stevens, P.Z. 720 and 771. Comp. Vincent, 1329, officiated as P.S.; Comp. Murché, 1329, as S.E.; and Comp. G. Hughes, as candidate. Ex. Comp. J. Allen, J. Crystal Palace Chapter, and others were also present, and shared in the pleasure and satisfaction which the business of the evening afforded. On the closing of the chapter, the meeting was adjourned to the evening of Friday, the 3rd inst. We can recommend companions in South London desirous of perfecting themselves in the work of the chapter to attend on that occasion, and at the forthcoming meetings during the ensuing months.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W., when there were present Bros. Boulton, P.M. 1604, W.M.; Gibson, S.W. 1604, S.W.; Wade, P.M. 1604, J.W.; Capt. Butterworth, P.M. 1604, Preceptor; Coughlan, J.W. 144, Sec.; Gilbert, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; McCullagh, I.G.; Cox, W.M. 144; Brindley, W.M. 1604; White, P.M. 299; Foulson, J.W. 1604; Fraser, Woodlock, Bunce, Bowen, Vallis, Balchin, Pernel, Ardiwino, King, and Edwards.

This being the first night of meeting at the above address, the chair was taken by the Preceptor, Bro. Boulton, P.M. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation, with the charge, was rehearsed in the most able and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Bunce acting as candidate; Bro. Coughlan gave the explanation of the tracing board in the First Degree. Bro. Ardiwino, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ardiwino acting as candidate, after which the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Edwards, 1305, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried "nem. con." that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Gilbert for printing and supplying the lodge with the circulars—which were a work of art—notifying the change of meeting place; Bro. Gilbert returned thanks. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able and highly efficient manner in which Bro. Boulton, P.M., had discharged the duties of the chair on this occasion; Bro. Boulton returned thanks. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried "nem. dis." that a vote of thanks to Bro. Coughlan be recorded on the minutes for giving the lecture on the tracing board; Bro. Coughlan returned thanks. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Wing, W.M.; J. Davis, S.W.; W. W. Williams, J.W.; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Strong, Sec.; G. Gardner, S.D.; A. Strong, J.D.; C. Causton, P.M., I.G.; W. Johnson, P.M.; W. Mann, P.Z., P.M.; Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; H. Furze, J. Brown, R. Wimpey, H. O. Smith, A. Bishop, and Simms.

After the preliminaries the Second and Third Section of the Third Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the

direction of the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Bishop being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree; the lodge was opened in the Third Degree; the lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. A. Wing for the most excellent way in which he fulfilled the position of W.M. for the first time. An alteration of the bye-laws was proposed and seconded, that the W.M. should occupy the chair once instead of twice, as stood according to rule. Bro. A. Bishop announced his intention of presenting the lodge with a carpet.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony. The ceremony of installation will shortly be worked by Bro. Ayling, and a lecture by Bro. Morgan, P.M., is promised at the same time, due notice of which will be given.

### Royal Arch.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 20th ult. Among those in attendance were Ex. Comps. Dr. Ryley, M.E.Z.; T. Goodchild, H.; E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., Treas., acting J.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; Wingett, S.N.; and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, several letters from absent members were read. The chapter was then duly closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. There were no speeches.

### Mark Masonry.

**GRAND MASTERS LODGE.**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at 8A, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Bro. C. F. Matier, Deputy W.M., presided, in the unavoidable absence of Lord Henniker, W.M., P.G.M.M.M., and was supported by Bros. Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, M.O.; Robert Berridge, J.O.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Chap.; Alfred Williams, J.D.; Thomas Cubitt, D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, Org.; R. P. Spice, I.G.; C. W. Driver, Stwd.; W. J. Meek, Baron de Ferrières, M.P., P.G.M.O.; Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M.M.M. Kent; Henry Genge, T. C. Walls, and H. Lardner. Visitors: Bros. Lord John W. Tylour, G.S.W.; Col. C. E. Bignold, P.G.S.O.; George Cooper, P.G.S.D.; Major Newbon, D.P.G.M.M.M. Notts; James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and J. L. Mather.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, sanction was given to hold a lodge of instruction, which will meet at 8A, Red Lion-square, on the first and third Wednesdays during the six winter months. This is a highly commendable step on the part of this influential lodge, and will no doubt be productive of excellent fruit in the course of time.

The lodge then proceeded to the chief business of the evening—the election of W.M. and Treas. for the ensuing year. The only candidates were Bros. the Earl of Kintore, M.W. G.M.M.M., and Fred. Davison, G. Treasurer and Treasurer, who, it is needless to say, were elected unanimously. Bros. Alfred Williams and Robert Berridge having been placed on the Audit Committee, in addition to the permanent members, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Matier in recognition of his valuable services during the year, the motion to this effect being submitted by Bro. Col. Clerke, and seconded by Bro. Alfred Williams. The distinctive jewel of the lodge was then, on the motion of Bro. Matier, in behalf of Bro. Binckes, seconded by Bro. Capt. Phillips, presented to Bro. Col. Clerke, who had designed it, and who very gracefully acknowledged the compliment, shortly after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Holborn Restaurant.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. CAPT. W. PLATT, P.G.J.W.

Death has again been causing havoc in our ranks, among its more recent victims being two Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. One of these—Bro. Capt. W. Platt, of Callis Court, St. Peter's, Isle of Thanet—was initiated in the Friendship Lodge, No. 6, on the 11th March, 1858, and remained a subscribing member till 1882, when he was elected an honorary member. He occupied the chair as W.M. of the lodge in the years 1866 and 1867, and in 1873 had the honour of being appointed Grand Junior Warden of England. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree on 25th May, 1860, and was installed Z. in 1872. The following year he was appointed and invested Grand 1st Assistant Sojourner of the Supreme Grand Chapter. Capt. Platt was a Life Governor of all our Institutions, and had served two Festival Stewardships for the Girls' School, one for the Boys' School, and one for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

#### BRO. REV. A. R. WARD, M.A., P.G. CHAP.

Another severe loss, but especially to the province of which for so many years he had been a most distinguished member, is that caused by the death, last week, of Bro. the Rev. A. R. Ward, M.A., of Jesus-lane, Cambridge, on whom over a quarter of a century since was conferred the honours of the Grand Chaplaincy to United Grand Lodge. Bro. Ward was initiated in the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, on the 10th February, 1851, and had the honour to occupy the chair of W.M. during the year in which that ancient lodge celebrated the centenary of its existence. He was also a joining member of the other two Cambridge lodges—namely, the Lodge of the Three Grand Principals, No. 441, and the Isaac Newton University, No. 859—his membership of the latter having endured from its consecration, in 1861, till his death. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88, and was one of its P.Z.'s, and one of the petitioners for the warrant of the Euclid Chapter, attached to Lodge No. 959. He was one of the Grand Chaplains of England from 1885 to 1860, and in 1859 was Grand 2nd Asst. Sojourner of the Supreme Grand Chapter. In addition to these high offices, the deceased was a Past D.P.G.M. of Cambridgeshire, and a Past Grand Prelate of the Order of the Temple. His death is deeply lamented by the Craft in Cambridgeshire,

and at his funeral, which took place on Saturday last in the Mill Hill Cemetery, Cambridge, in the presence of a numerous body of mourners, several brethren attended, among them being Bros. Rev. D. Hall, P.G. Sec., and Dr. Garrett, P.G. Org. Bro. Ward, in his capacity of President of the Cambridge University Cricket Club, was extremely popular with the members of the University.

On Saturday last there was a large gathering of brethren and ladies in the Watford Cemetery, in order to witness the unveiling of a memorial to the late Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles, Dep. Prov. G.M. Hertfordshire, whose death, caused by an apparently trifling accident during the discharge of his professional duties, occurred in the earlier part of the current year. The memorial is in the form of a handsome marble cross, supported by three marble slabs, resting on a granite base, the space set apart for the grave being enclosed by a marble kerbing, and the cross itself bearing a suitable inscription.

#### BRO. CAPTAIN J. BIRKIN, P.M.

We regret to be under the necessity of announcing the death of Bro. Captain John Birkin, who was initiated in Lodge 262 in 1841, and had been elected to the office of Worshipful Master thereof. He died suddenly on Sunday last whilst attending the evening service at St. John's Church, Redhill. Bro. Birkin formerly served in the 85th Foot (the King's Light Infantry), and latterly in the 4th Battalion the Royal Fusiliers, of which regiment he was Quartermaster for 21 years, retiring in 1875 with the rank of Captain. He was a good brother and a Mason at heart, and his loss will be deeply regretted by a numerous circle of friends.



On Saturday next, the 11th inst., Mr. Harrington Bailey, who has taken the Opera Comique for six weeks, opens it with "Nita's First" and "Vice Versa."

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The St. James's re-opened on Thursday with "The Ironmaster," which the company has been playing in the large provincial towns during the last few weeks. Its popularity has not only not decreased, but is increasing, and we may expect this play to keep its place in the programme for some time to come.

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Mr. Herman Merivale's burlesque, "Called There and Back," on "Called Back," is in active preparation for the Gaiety, where it will be produced in about three weeks. In the meanwhile Mr. Walter Browne's farcical comedy, "A Wet Day," which met with some success at a matinee, has been brought out. In the new burlesque Miss Farren will caricature Gilbert, Vaughan, and Miss Gilchrist will be Pauline.

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We do not know that the revival of "New Men and Old Acres" at the Court calls for much comment. It is a play which most persons have seen at some time or other, and there are many who have seen it when played by even more distinguished companies than the present, when Miss Ellen Terry and Mrs. Kendal were the Lilian Vavasour, now represented by Miss Marion Terry. The writer has not had that fortune, therefore is unable to compare criticisms. The story of "New Men and Old Acres" is one which has formed the theme of many dramatic works in past and present times. We have lately had "The Parvenu," "Lords and Commons," and "The Millionaire," all having the same basis, which is an old family, proud of its blood, falling into bad circumstances, and the sprung-up merchant with no history at all, but with the wealth which the aristocrat so sorely needs. In this comedy of the late Tom Taylor the sentiment is true, the humour thoroughly English, and the moral sound. Nothing could possibly be better than Mr. Arthur Cecil's impersonation of the impecunious and proud Mr. Marmaduke Vavasour. He has a small part, but shows himself therein the great actor he is; his portrait of the squire is perfect. Mr. John Clayton, his partner in the management of the theatre, acquits himself on the whole well; but we think is more sombre than is necessary, even for a Liverpool merchant. It is a conception of his own, and therefore might be more admired than if it were not original. Miss Le Thiere, as the haughty Lady Vavasour, is dignified, but too fussy. Miss Marion Terry, as Miss Vavasour, though charming, does not seem quite at home with her slang phrases, which she has got from her schoolboy cousin. Mr. H. R. Smith has made a distinct advance since we last saw him; he portrays excellently the freshness and stupidity of a school boy. Mr. Gilbert Trent, as the lawyer, gives a studied representation, and Mr. Lyons, as Blasenbalg, never misses his mark, and contrives to make his part one of the most effective. But it is to Mrs. John Wood and Bro. J. W. Anson that much of the success of the run of the piece must be looked to. As the Bunters, if they a little over exaggerate the vulgar wealthy couple, they afford a deal of amusement. Both seem to us to play a little too much to their audience, and to be too conscious. In real life such people when brought in contact with those in refined society would be too much aware of their defects of speech and manner to display them as vividly as they do in this comedy. Mrs. John Wood is, we think, the only lady on the stage at present who can play low comedy. As Mrs. Bunter her dresses are alone a work of art. They have not kept to the author's text, but have introduced a good deal of "gag." From an artistic point of view this is out of place in high comedy, as it verges on burlesque and farce, but no one can deny that it is not very amusing, and some of the funniest lines are those in which Mrs. Bunter presents her husband with his genealogical tree obtained from Herald's College. The mounting of the comedy is done with uncommon care. Bunter's drawing-room is very fine, showing the money laid out without the slightest regard to taste or beauty. We notice with much pleasure that at the Court the custom is kept up of appearing in evening dress by both ladies and gentlemen in the best parts of the house. Mr. Coleman, the Secretary, looks with displeasure at any one who departs from this custom. We wish it were more closely observed in the best theatres.



We shall shortly publish a series of papers by Bro. T. B. Whythead, on "Some Ancient York Masons, and their Early Haunts."

Bro. J. J. Goode will be installed W.M. of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, to-morrow (Saturday).

Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somersetshire has been re-appointed, for a further term of three years, Prov. G.M.M.M. in respect of the same province.

At the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, on the proposition of Bro. C. W. Radway, P.P.G.S.W., the sum of five guineas was voted to the "Hughan Testimonial Fund."

Bro. C. E. Soppet, of 48, Newgate-street, has been appointed auditor of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

For the benefit of members of the Architectural Association, and students preparing for the examination of the Royal Institute of British Architects, a course of lectures will be delivered on Friday evenings during the session at 9, Conduit-street, on "Building Construction," by Bro. H. Lovegrove, A.R.I.B.A.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, M.P., the master (Mr. R. S. Wilkinson, J.P.), the wardens (Mr. C. N. Newdegate, M.P., and Mr. J. E. Bennett), and the court of assistants of the Spectacle-makers' Company have issued invitations for a dinner at the Mansion House on Tuesday, the 14th inst.

The *Jewish Chronicle* says that on the 27th inst. a banquet will be given at the Criterion, Piccadilly, by the Tranquillity, Joppa, Israel, and Samson Lodges, in honour of the attainment of his hundredth year by Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore. The Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, is also included in the programme, this lodge taking the direction of the affair.

Bro. Henry Wright, hon. secretary of the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society, replying, in the *Times*, to the suggestion that that body should interfere to prevent the proposed restoration of the church of St. Stephen, Walbrook, explains that such interference would be out of the province of the society, whose sole object is to prevent the destruction of City churches and churchyards.

We are asked to call the attention of the members of metropolitan lodges of instruction, and of provincial lodges, to Bro. James Stevens's advertisement in another page. He is desirous to have opportunities during the forthcoming Masonic season for the delivery of his lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," which explains the entire ceremonies of the E.A. Degree, and would be pleased to place himself at the disposal of any body of Freemasons desiring his attendance for that purpose.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has received from the Union Lodge of Instruction, at Leicester, through its Secretary, Bro. E. P. Steeds, a pleasing souvenir of his late visit to that place, and a record of the satisfaction afforded to the brethren there by the delivery of his lecture on the ceremonial of the First Degree, in the form of an engrossed copy of the resolutions passed on that occasion, thanking him for his services and constituting him an honorary member of the lodge. We understand a similar compliment awaits him from Kidderminster, where he lately delivered his instructive lecture.

Yesterday the City of London Chess Club entered upon its new premises, at the Salutation in Newgate-street. This new temple of chess, which is intended to be the scene of many future chess contests, is a spacious room of about 80ft. in length by 26ft. in breadth. It was yesterday brilliantly lighted up for the occasion, and had a very imposing appearance. This effect was further increased when a company of nearly 100 gentlemen sat down together to enjoy themselves at a well-spread table. Large as the room is, it was taxed to the utmost to find seats for all the guests. Mr. Richard Pilkington, president of the club, occupied the chair, and Mr. F. H. Gastineau, vice-president, occupied the vice-chair. Among the company present were all the well-known officials of the club, and also Dr. Zukertort, Mr. Blackburne, Mr. P. Hirschfeld, Mr. Hoffer, of the *Field*, Mr. Duffy, of the *Illustrated London News*, Mr. M'Donnell, of the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*, Mr. Cubison, M. Gunsberg, Captain Alexander S. Beaumont, Captain L. B. Beaumont, Dr. Sutro, Mr. Studd, Professor S. Lehmayr, Mr. J. E. Rabbetts, Dr. S. Rabbetts, Mr. H. K. Argall, and others. After the cloth had been removed, the president proposed "The Health of Mr. Blackburne," who is about to proceed abroad for the benefit of his health. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and Mr. Blackburne, in responding, expressed a hope that he might yet live to enjoy many more pleasant meetings like the present. The president then proposed "The Health of Dr. Zukertort," and took occasion to welcome him heartily back to England after his long sojourn in America. This toast, like the preceding one, was drunk with great enthusiasm. Dr. Zukertort, in responding, said he was very much flattered by the cordial reception he had met with that evening, and thanked them all heartily for their kindness.—*The Times*, September 30th.

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Bro. Gilbey will be installed W.M. of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court to-morrow (Saturday).

The United Telephone Company have arranged to lay a tenth line between London and Brighton, and it is expected shortly to be ready for service.

The Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M.M.M., has fixed the 8th December for the installation of Bro. A. F. Godson as Prov. G.M.M.M. Worcestershire.

The consecration of the Kendrick Lodge, No. 2043, took place on Thursday, at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading. The ceremonies were performed by the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. W. G. Flanagan was installed as W.M.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., has promised to open a Shakespearean Market in the Lecture Hall of the City Temple, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., in aid of the restoration fund of Fetter-lane Chapel, among the records of which appears the signature of Richard Cromwell, son of the Protector.

#### FREEMASONS' HOTEL, GREAT QUEEN-STREET, W.C.

An important change has recently been made in the name of an old-established and familiar resort of our country visitors in Great Queen-street. Bacon's Hotel—as regards its designation—has passed away entirely, and its place is now occupied by the Freemasons' Hotel, with Messrs. Spiers and Pond as its proprietors. The hotel that bore the late proprietor's name was one of the best establishments of its kind in all London, and had a reputation for quiet and cosiness which we are satisfied his successors will spare no pains to retain, and hand on intact to those who may come after them. In welcoming his successors in the proprietorship of what has been rechristened the "Freemasons' Hotel," we are even more desirous than otherwise we might have been of evincing towards them a cordial spirit, because Messrs. Spiers and Pond are no strangers to the neighbourhood. For some time past they have been established in the contiguous Freemasons' Tavern, and it is no secret that thus far during the term of their occupation they have won golden opinions from their numerous array of customers. This is no more than was to have been expected from such firm, and now that they have extended the sphere of their operations by taking the hotel, as well as the tavern, under their control, we may look without the slightest misgiving to see them making the most of their opportunities, and catering as successfully for their new class of customers as heretofore they have done for their old. They have unquestionably made a good beginning. The hotel has been re-fitted, re-decorated, and re-furnished throughout in a style which makes everything look bright and cheerful, and, at the same time, is in complete keeping with its known traditional character for domestic comfort and cosiness. In fact, the changes that have been made in the interior arrangements and appearance of the hotel are both the greatest and the least that could be made—the greatest because the whole of the furniture and appointments have been renewed, and the least because, in spite of this renewal, the character and appearance of everything remain unchanged. It is said a rose by any other name will smell as sweet, and "Freemasons' Hotel" is nothing else than "Bacon's Hotel" continued. We do not go so far as to say that Messrs. Spiers and Pond, in the plenitude of the resources at their command, have done nothing calculated to enhance their own fame—if that be possible—and that of the establishment they have so recently taken under their wing. The new hotel will undoubtedly enjoy several advantages which were out of the question in Bro. Bacon's time. For instance, a communication has been opened between the hotel and the tavern for the convenience of frequenters of the former; but without in the slightest degree impairing their comfort—the distinction between the two establishments will remain as marked as ever. Then, as the culinary requirements of the tavern are necessarily greater than those of the hotel, it cannot fail to be of advantage to the occupants of the latter that the services of the tavern chef—and a new chef of great experience has just been appointed—will be at their disposal, so far as may be necessary. But, even in this case, so much attention has been paid with a view to making the hotel kitchens as complete in their arrangements as possible, that, to all intents and purposes, they will be independent of the tavern kitchen. As to the residential arrangements, they remain as before. There are some 50 bedrooms available, with the usual complement of private and general sitting rooms, among the latter being, of course, the dining and coffee rooms, &c. These latter, by the way, as well as the staircases, have been made additionally attractive by the numerous paintings—some of them of considerable merit—with which they are hung. It only remains for us to add that the superintendence of the hotel will be in the hands of Bro. Dawkins, and, as we have no desire to be charged with flattery, we shall content ourselves with remarking that the mention of his name is a sufficient guarantee that the comfort of the guests will be well cared for.

It will not be out of place, perhaps, to say a few words as to the Tavern, in which sundry changes have just been made which we are inclined to believe will be found improvements. Prominent among them is the restoration of the old grill room, but with a distinct and separate service as regards attendance, lifts, &c., &c. We have always been under the impression that doing away with the grill room was a mistake. It drew a certain class of customers—people who care little to frequent establishments where only set dinners are to be had, and where, therefore, it is impossible to enjoy a steak or chop in the midst of comfortable surroundings. In all Messrs. Spiers and Pond's establishments the grill room stands out as a conspicuous and—be it added—popular feature, and we are not so much surprised at there being once again a grill room in Freemasons' Tavern as at the delay that has occurred in re-establishing it. Other changes have been made of a similar character, especially in the kitchen department, but our readers will understand that these periodical changes in the direction of further improvement are an indispensable part of tavern ceremony, and it is only necessary we should record the fact of their having been made, and that it will devolve on Bro. Dawkins to see that full effect is given to the kindly intentions of the proprietors of the improved establishment. The re-decoration of the tavern has been carried out by Mr. W. Read, of 437, Brixton-road, under the superintendence of Mr. Henry Read.