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THE attack on Freemasonry, whether the "output" of a sane or insane personality, which we published last week, suggests some serious, some amusing thoughts, which we may not do amiss to try and realize to-day. It is trying, no doubt, to feel and to know that in 1884 in some minds, weak or strong, in a healthy or unhealthy state, there still lingers a childish distrust, an unworthy suspicion of the real meaning and true objects of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, at any rate. We say Anglo-Saxon because, owing to the peculiarly unsatisfactory position of some foreign jurisdictions at the present moment; for just as it is almost impossible to include them within our safer lines of defence and thought, so it is hard on ourselves to find ourselves fighting the common battle with allies whose formation and tactics we utterly disapprove of. Yes; indeed how hard it is for us who adhere to the vital teaching and Cosmopolitan message of Freemasonry to find ourselves to-day the subject of the Allocution of Popes and the "mandemens" of foreign Bishops and Archbishops, without number, and to realize the fact that there are many persons who still affect to doubt our professions and dislike our practices. Our loyal, and reverent, and religious, and benevolent Order is complained of as revolutionary and destructive, antagonistic to morals and religion, all in the same breath. We are still alleged to be the offshoot of Illuminati or an affiliation of Jesuits; to have occult lore and pernicious aims; and to be intent, despite our peaceful avowals, on ends subversive of law and order, society and religion, altogether. It is in vain we plead that we never trouble ourselves about religion or politics; it is useless to point with justifiable pride to the works of Charity we maintain and carry on. The fatal fiat has gone forth from a body which contains within its bosom the greatest and darkest secret society in the world, and say what we will, do what we may, with many the very name of Freemason is synonymous with all that is base, all that is dangerous, all that is revolutionary in the world, all that is inimical, in fact, to the safe progress of mankind, and the conservation and upholding of society and public and private life. No doubt there are some secret societies to-day alive and at work, which create anxiety and inspire dread. But we think that their power and numbers are greatly overrated; still, they do exist. But with them true Freemasonry has nothing in common. It may be true, as Lord CARNARVON said, that some foreign Freemasons have been lured away from their safer ground of pure neutrality in all matters of religious, political, and social questions, and are now almost "mixed up" with secret societies, but of these again our Freemasonry proper knows nothing—nothing whatever. We have no connexion with Fenians or Peep o' Day Boys, or Templars or Carbonari, Maryane or Madre Natura. We specially guard ourselves against all "plots and conspiracies against the State," and no loyal Freemason can belong to any secret society whose aims are destructive, whose outcome is rebellion, anarchy, plunder and revolution. We can only hope that as time passes on, despite the anathemata of so-called religious bodies and authorities, the loyalty of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry will be admitted, its utility allowed, and its benefits realized. If such prejudices be still many, perverse, and serious, at the same time they yet serve to lighten up what we may not inaptly term the "dark ages" of intolerance, obscurantism, and persecution and seem to point to the dawn of a brighter day, when all these paltry and idle animosities shall be forgotten and disowned. As respects the more amusing attacks on Freemasonry which ignorance or "chaff" may put forth, we can afford to disregard them altogether, and pass them smilingly by. The mystic Goat may still be discussed with grave anxiety; the red hot Poker may still be alluded to in terms of belief, credulity, or scepticism. Absurd ceremonies and childish practical jokes may still be held to be characteristic of Masonic initiation,

and the Apporeta of our world-wide Order. But we have this consolation, Freemasonry is progressing, must progress, and will progress. Let us all hope that, true to its ancient maxims, it will never desert its older teaching, but still continue in the years to come as in the epochs that have passed, both a religious, a tolerant, a benevolent, and a sympathetic Fraternity, intent on doing good, and aiding to maintain and advance the peace, the civilization, the social happiness of mankind.

HAVE we not heard enough of the last great Papal blunder, that portentous (Irish?) Bull which the Curia has last thought fit to issue and indite? We confess we are alarmed by the last American deliverance on the subject by our illustrious Bro. ALBERT PIKE, which it is almost impossible to read, from its serious and unprecedented length. Life almost seems too short for even such magnificent deliverances. The mind grows weary and alarmed at the elaboration of the periods and the involution of ideas. The document seems interminable and overwhelming alike in its crushing complaint and florid utterance, its ceaseless flow of argument and assertion, dissertation and denunciation alternately. We think that all has been said by way of protest which need be advanced by us as Freemasons, and thus and there we are desposed to leave the whole matter. We consign the Bull most willingly to the limbo of "prohibited writings" and forgotten absurdities. We think Bro. PIKE's undoubtedly able if lengthy "Allocution" is "slaying the twice slain." It seems unwise for us to exaggerate the effect of the Bull in any way. Practically it has fallen on contemporary literature, society, and on public and private life, unheeded. It is an old song too often sung, and neither very harmonious nor very edifying. We have heard those old stories over and over again. As Bro. DANIEL O'CONNELL once said, the "donkey's head and jawbones" so frequently paraded, don't touch us or alarm us in the least. So let it all "slide," pass away, and be forgotten, a childish and painful chapter in the contemporary annals of our race. When our excellent Bro. ALBERT PIKE talks of the last Papal Bull as declaring war against humanity, he piles up the agony too severely, and falls into needless exaggeration. Rome is "semper eadem," Rome adheres to the old adage, Roma locuta est, causa finita est." Rome only repeats in 1884, what Rome asserted in 1738, with a little variation in the treatment of the same old subject, and a fuller grouping and manipulation of contemporary realities. It is not so much the secret societies that Rome is anxious about—that is the ostensible cause,—but quite another matter. CLEMENT betrayed it in 1778, LEO reproduces it in 1884. It is that abominable fact of a development of a quasi "honeste religionis," to use the words of the first Bull, which Roman Catholics and Protestants dare to profess in common, and which leads them to join together in the bonds of fraternal union, sympathy, and good will, and to extend and promulgate benevolence, charity, and toleration among their fellow men and creatures. Rome's action has always been based on the ancient formula, "Extra ecclesiam nulla salus," and on that vile system of persecution and punishment which no Roman Catholic writer can safely apologise or defend, which, we repeat, has, in ages past and gone, Rome has alike proscribed and burned philosophers and Protestants, Jews and Freemasons, indeed, one and all who were "obstinate heretics." Our best and safest course as Freemasons is therefore to avoid all exaggeration and anger in the untoward combat forced on us by some maladroit Scribes at Rome, and simply, unfurling our broad banner of loyalty and charity, toleration and sympathy for all, to move boldly and unitedly forwards, no one daring to seek to bar the way, none succeeding in meeting us abroad. Under the preservation and protection of T.G.A.O.T.U. we can afford to laugh at puny attacks, just as we can utterly disregard the oft repeated incriminations of ignorance, malevolence, and fanaticism combined.

We are very glad to be permitted to call attention to a circular of the Grand Lodge of Scotland elsewhere, and beg to congratulate that distinguished body on this seasonable and befitting movement towards a most desirable end. We also must specially call attention to the zeal and energy displayed by our able and meritorious Bro. D. M. LYON, who, having happily brought the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge once in mournful confusion, to order and prosperity, will truly rejoice at being the official medium of this appeal, both to increase the means for charitable purposes, and bring into commendable activity a Scottish system of needful and careful Charity, becoming the "honour and dignity" of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and illustrating fitly the warmth and kind-heartedness which always distinguish our Scottish brethren.

WE receive communications from time to time in respect of a letter concerning the legality of our Order, which recently appeared in our columns. We feel convinced ourselves that the point raised is untenable, partakes of the nature of an amusing legal quibble, and need not trouble the Masonic mind at all. Indeed, if the contention of some of our correspondents be correct, we are reduced to a hopeless "reductio ad absurdum." We venture to think also that the reply which appeared in our leader column to that letter covers the whole ground, and is thoroughly satisfactory and conclusive in every respect.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

On Thursday, the 2nd inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held in the University Buildings, Durham, which had been courteously placed at the disposal of the Craft by the authorities of the University. The proceedings commenced at noon for the transaction of business in connection with the Charities Committee, and this was followed by a meeting of the Fund Committee. At two o'clock the brethren of the province assembled in the Lecture Hall, Palace Green, and about a quarter after the hour the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, attended by a large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, who presented a most imposing spectacle, entered the hall, and ascended the dais.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master (the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P.) was supported on his right by Bro. Victor Williamson, P.G.W. England, who fulfilled the duties of D.P.G.M. in the absence of Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, D.P.G.M. The Most Hon. the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., Provincial Grand Master, was also supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. John Horsley, P.G.S.W.; John Wood, P.G.J.W.; the Rev. E. C. Biggs and the Rev. W. C. Harris, P.G. Chaplains; H. Maddison, P.G.R.; B. Boulton, P.G. Treas.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; R. S. Hopper, P.G.S.D.; G. C. Watson, P.G.J.D.; E. Hudson, P.G.D. of C.; G. Hardy, A.P.G.D. of C.; C. McNamara, P.G. St. Br.; M. Frampton, P.G. Swd. Br.; R. Talintyre, P.G. Org.; R. Kirwood, P.G.P.; and J. Curry, P.G. Tyler.

Among those present were:

Bros. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. England; John Trotter, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Luck, P.P.G.R.; W. Gregory, W.M. 764; Charles S. Lane, P.P.G.D.; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.G.P.; J. J. Clay, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Coulson, P.P.G.D.; G. Greenwell, P.P.G.D. of C.; M. Corbett, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Turner, P.P.G. Std.; W. Brignal, P.P.G.R.; W. A. Malcolm, P.P.G.P.; W. Forster, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. McCulloch, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Jones, P.P.G.R.; the Rev. Canon Tristram, P.P.G.S.W.; the Rev. J. P. De Pledge, P.P.G.S.W.; Col. Monks, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Sinclair, P.P.G.P.; J. Potts, P.P.G.D.; J. Walker, P.P.G.O.; W. Donkin, P.P.G.P.; W. Liddell, P.P.G.D.; T. Bell, P.P.G.D.; H. B. Wright, P.P.G.R.; J. Graham, P.P.G.R.; N. W. Appery, J.D. 375; the Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G. Chap.; E. R. Bulman, P.P.G.J.W.; G. Johnston, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Lawrence, P.P.G.J.W.; J. G. Hall, W.M. 1230; W. Coxon, P.G.S.B.; J. Hunter, P.G.W.; George Porteous, P.P.G.O.; W. Garbutt, W.M. 48; J. Nelson, So; J. C. Moor, W.M. 97; J. Dixon, W.M. 94; J. G. Kirtley, W.M. 949; J. Sedcole, W.M. 1119; William Davidson, W.M. 1970; J. Heslop, W.M. 1932; J. R. Pattison, S.W. 94; R. Ashton, W.M. 1940; Thos. Jopling, P.M. 97; P.P.G.D.; G. D. Wilson, P.P.G.W.; J. G. Smith, P.M.; J. Probert, P.M.; J. Moulton, P.M. 48; T. Burlinson, So; J. Barker, P.M. 1334; W. H. Sharp, P.M. 94; J. Riseborough, P.G.P.; W. Whinham, P.M. 94; J. Deans, J.W. So and 2039; J. W. Rainbow, S.W. 94; W. H. Craven, W. Brandt, P.M. 1389; J. W. Brown, T. 79; J. G. Marshall, Jas. Storey, 97; A. Carr, W.M. 124; S. Holdsworth, P.M.; J. Sewell, R.M. 124; J. Richardson, P.M.; H. W. Emerson, P.M.; J. Scofield, T. Shepherd, P.M.; E. Atkinson, W.M. 661; J. McDougall, P.M. 1119; S. Chadwick, W.M. 1643; J. F. Hiller, W.M. 1334; and others.

The arrangements made by the Durham brethren and the Provincial Grand Lodge were very complete. The brethren being placed in their new lecture hall, under their respective banners, they rose to receive the Prov. Grand Masters and the Prov. Grand Officers. The lodge was opened in due form by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Marquess of Londonderry.

Bro. R. HUDSON, P.G. Sec., read the minutes of the past year's proceedings, which included records of the annual Prov. Grand Lodge held at Sunderland last October, those of the special lodges held at Durham in January in honour of the visit of his Royal Highness the late Duke of Albany, P.P.G.M. of Oxford; at Crook in March, in connection with the consecration of the Crook Lodge; at Durham in April, to decide upon the addresses of condolence to the Queen and the Duchess of Albany on the occasion of the decease of his Royal Highness the Duke; and at Sunderland in August, to consecrate the Londonderry Lodge.

Bro. BABBINGTON BOULTON, Prov. G. Treas., next read his report, which showed a balance in hand of £159 17s. 7d.; and upon the motion of them into harmony with the new Constitutions of the Grand Lodge. He also suggested that a Special Provincial Grand Lodge might be convened to consider the report of the Committee, in order to facilitate the adoption of the revised rules.

The motion was unanimously carried, and the following brethren were appointed the Committee: the P.G.T. and P.G.S., R. A. Luck (Restoration), T. M. Barron (Marquis of Ripon), and R. Luck, P.P.G.R.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master invested Bro. Victor Williamson as D.P.G.M. for Bro. Sir H. Williamson.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following officers:—

Bro. J. W. Barnes, P.M. 375 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" R. A. Luck, P.M. 111 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. J. Lawson, Chap. 124 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. D. W. James, Chap. 661 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" B. Boulton, P.M. 111 (re-appointed) ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. M. Barron, W.M. 1379 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Robt. Hudson, W.M. 2039 (re-appointed) ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. C. Blackett, P.M. 124 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Thos. Walton, P.M. 940 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" John C. Moon, W.M. 97 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" F. H. Bennett, P.M. 1862 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" R. W. Thompson, P.M. 1121 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Edward Hudson, P.M. 764 (re-appointed) ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. J. Clay, P.M. 97 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.D. C.
" H. W. Emerson, P.M. 661 ...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. C.
" T. M. Wraith, 424 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Thos. Bradley, P.M. 940 (re-appointed) ...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" S. Fenny, P.M. 124 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Gray, P.M. 1334 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" D. Whitehead, I.P.M. 1334 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. T. Wilson, P.M. 240 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. H. Turner, I.P.M. 1932 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" James Cunry, 48 (re-appointed) ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Stewards were appointed from the following lodges: Crook, Harbour of Refuge, Stranton, Perseverance, Philanthropy, and Phoenix.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Marquess of LONDONDERRY, addressing the Prov. Grand Officers and brethren of the lodge, said they had met together on another year to celebrate their Provincial Grand Lodge, and it was with very sincere satisfaction he found that since last they met there had been no retrogression in numbers—they had increased to 30 lodges, and by that means they had increased the number of officers appointed in Provincial Grand Lodge. From the report which he had received from the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Hudson, the year which ended with that meeting had been an eventful one so far as the province was concerned, for there had been no less than four Special Provincial Lodges held—a number for which there was no parallel in the records of the province. The opening days of 1884 found them all busy in preparing for the expected visit of a Royal Brother, an event which had not occurred for well nigh 50 years. And when on a bright day in the end of January they mustered in unprecedented numbers in the grand old Castle Hall, and received that Royal Brother so enthusiastically, and afterwards escorted him to that celebrated fane, the Cathedral of the province, and after engaging in those devotions befitting the occasion, they had the rare opportunity of listening to a brief but pointed address on Freemasonry so ably delivered by Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, they little expected that within a few weeks that Royal Brother, whom they then met in apparently good health, would so soon be taken from their midst. Following close upon this melancholy event, which filled the heart of every Mason with the deepest grief, came the Special Provincial Lodge so ably presided over by the Rev. Canon Tristram. He thought that the words which fell from their Bro. Canon Tristram on that occasion were so touching and so feeling, and were, at the same time, so appropriate, that he thought it would be needless on his part to attempt to say anything more to them in addition to the language which was reported and printed during his unavoidable absence. On the occasion when his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany did him the honour to come and pay him a visit to his house—Wynyard Park—and the Provincial Grand Lodge was called to celebrate that visit, he confessed that when he came over with him, knowing the delicate state of his Royal Highness's health, and that he was not to undergo any fatigue, he was somewhat anxious on that occasion. Every half-hour of their time was taken up, and they had a great deal of work to get through during the day; but when he returned home with his Royal Highness that day he was pleased to find that the exertion had done him no harm, and he left their home at Wynyard in the highest of health and spirits. It was therefore a great satisfaction to him, knowing that his house was the last which his Royal Highness visited, that he did not experience any great fatigue which might injure his health. He was quite satisfied that he could not in better words than those of Bro. Canon Tristram and Bro. the Prov. Grand Secretary express the feeling that existed in the heart of every true Mason in the province on the loss the Craft had sustained by the sudden death of his Royal Highness. In the interval between the Special Provincial Lodges in January and April they consecrated a new lodge in the west of the province, at Crook; the officers and members of that lodge were entering heartily into their work, and the lodge bade fair to be a very successful one. Coming nearer to the present date, they were again called up to consecrate a new lodge in the town of Sunderland, and he had much pleasure in going to Sunderland and consecrating the lodge which bore his name, and he was happy to find that the Provincial Grand Secretary had undertaken the Mastership of that lodge, and Bro. Hudson informed him that the Londonderry was progressing, as he was sure they would all wish it should do. (Applause.) As they now mustered thirty lodges, they were entitled to three additional officers, which would enable them to recognise more fully the services of worthy members. During the twelve months the Prov. Grand Secretary had visited the greater portion of the lodges in the province, and many lodges had also been visited by others of the principal officers, and they united in according a meed of praise to the Worshipful Masters, officers, and Past Masters for their care in rendering the ceremonies, and in the general conduct of the lodges. Since their meeting in October, 1883, the Constitutions had been finally settled by the Grand Lodge of England, and had since been printed and issued to all lodges. Many dubious clauses had been made clear, and others added to form a more comprehensive system of Masonic jurisprudence in harmony with the times in which we live. The Province of Durham had taken an active part in the revision, and the Committee—whose labours were continued at their last regular Bro. C. S. LANE, P.G.D., West Hartlepool, and Bro. J. HUNTER, P.P.G. J.W., Hartlepool, the report was received and confirmed.

Bro. T. BRADLEY, Stockton, P.G.A.S., then read the recommendations of the Fund Committee, that £5 be voted to the Durham Masonic Educational Fund, and fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. TROTTER, P.P.G.J.W., as Chairman of the Fund Committee, moved its reception and confirmation, and expressed regret that, owing to exceptional expenses, the customary grant of £100 to the Boys' and Girls' Schools had had to be this year regrettably withheld.

Bro. T. BRADLEY next proceeded to read the report of the Charities Committee, which stated that the voting power to the Institutions for the county was—for Boys 800 votes; Girls 400; Men 450; Widows 406. Since the year 1878 six boys had been admitted from the county, two girls, one man, and one widow.

Upon the motion of Bro. LANE the report was adopted.

Bro. R. LUCK, P.P.G.R., according to notice, moved for the appointment of a Committee to revise the bye-laws of the Province, in order to bring meeting—had since issued a report, in which the leading incidents of the revision are lucidly set forth, and they were much indebted to Bro. Richard A. Luck, P.P.G. Reg., for the time and labour he devoted to the subject. He was also happy to find and congratulate the lodges upon their having rendered their accounts and their proceedings in good time. The brethren of the Wear Valley Lodge at Bishop Auckland were very anxious that the annual meeting in 1885 should take place in that town, and the leading members were satisfied that they could now make suitable and ample provision for the meeting; and he had come to the conclusion to accede to the request, and the Provincial Grand Lodge next year would be held at Bishop Auckland, under the banner of the Wear Valley Lodge. In conclusion, his lordship trusted the lodges in the province would go on and prosper; he had every wish to promote the welfare of the Craft in general, and more especially of the province of Durham, and was glad that prosperity had continued to attend the lodges generally. (Loud applause.)

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY moved that the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge be given to Dr. Plummer and the University authorities for their great kindness in placing at their disposal the lecture hall

and the rooms in connection therewith, and also the grand old hall of the castle for their banquet, and that the same be entered on the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. VICTOR WILLIAMSON, acting D.P.G.M., seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation, and the Provincial Grand Master expressed his desire to sign the communication, and to forward it to Dr. Plummer.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

The annual banquet was held in the castle hall, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, and an agreeable evening was spent.

During the banquet a splendid quadrille band, arranged by Bro. Hunter, of Durham, discoursed a very excellent selection of music.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The Masonic Provinces of Yorkshire occupy a very prominent position in the history of Freemasonry, owing partly to their present strength, and perhaps still more to their history and antiquity. The fact that the earliest known meetings of Freemasons took place centuries ago in the ancient capital of the county will always lend a colouring of interest to those who reverence what is antique, whilst the noble efforts in the cause of the Masonic Charities that have been made in the county of broad acres will go far to justify the existence of a society that might otherwise be regarded as somewhat of an anachronism. Some of the oldest lodges now in existence were warranted in Yorkshire, and in both provinces there are several of these bodies that have celebrated their 100th anniversary. In the Province of North and East Yorkshire, whose members met at Whitby on Wednesday, the 1st inst., we find the York Lodge, warranted in 1777, the Humber Lodge of Hull, warranted in 1756, and the Lennox Lodge at Richmond, warranted in 1763; whilst the Old Globe Lodge at Scarbro' will be a century in existence in 1891, the Constitutional Lodge at Beverley two years later, and the Lion Lodge at Whitby in 1897, if the world lasts as long. It will be thus seen that in North and East Yorkshire, at any rate, Freemasonry is not a mushroom system, and if we cared to go back into the earlier records and parchment rolls, many of which belong to the York Lodge, we should see that no organisation now existing can boast of so long an existence as that wonderful society which permeates every circle of humanity over the world's surface, and registers kings and peasants indiscriminately on its vast rolls of membership. Yorkshire is divided into two provinces for purposes of local government. The Province of West Yorkshire has been for many years ruled by Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., who has lately resigned his office through ill-health, and Bro. T. W. Tew, of Pontefract, his deputy, is now acting Prov. Grand Master. North and East Yorkshire, in which York is included, is governed by the Earl of Zetland, whose late uncle was the Grand Master of England up to his death. The meeting, on the 1st inst., at Whitby, was held there by the invitation of the Lion Lodge, and is the annual gathering.

The meeting was held on the 1st inst. in the Grand Saloon on the South Cliff, a splendid room which had been carefully set out by the Whitby brethren for the occasion. At one o'clock the Board of Benevolence met in a small room under the presidency of the Earl of Zetland, when sums to the amount of 60 guineas were voted to various applicants, and soon after two o'clock a procession was formed, and the Prov. Grand Master entered the Grand Hall accompanied by his Provincial Grand Officers, who occupied their chairs as follows: Bros. J. P. Bell, D.P.G.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.W.; A. T. Rogers, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Blake, P.G.C.; R. W. Hollon, P.G. Treas.; W. J. Watson, P.G. Reg.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec.; M. Rooke, P.G.S.D.; W. Wilson, P.G.J.D.; R. Beevers, P.G.S. of W.; E. Bryan, P.G.D.C.; D. W. Dixon, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. T. Atlay, P.G. Org.; G. Simpson, P.G.P.; J. Best, P.G.A.P.; and F. J. Lambert, P.G. Tyler.

The lodge was then opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Amongst these were replies to the addresses of condolence sent to the Queen and the Duchess of Albany, on the occasion of the death of the late Duke of Albany. The report of the Board of Benevolence was read and adopted, after which the PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY read several letters of apology from the Dean of York and other brethren who were unavoidably absent.

In reference to the Charities Association, Bro. PECK said that, in consequence of absence in America of Bro. Woodall, the Charities representative, they were unable to give any formal report, but he expected that Bro. Woodall would be home in time to take charge of the votes at the next election, and he believed they would be able to carry their candidate for the Girls' School.

Bro. CUMBERLAND said he was about to leave the province to reside in London, but would be glad to take charge of the votes for the next election, and his offer was gratefully accepted.

The report of the Bye-laws Committee was then presented, and the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proceeded to explain the alterations that had been made. Eventually it was decided to defer the consideration of the report until a Special Provincial Grand Lodge, which the Earl of Zetland said he would call for the purpose at York in January, and in the meantime brethren who had suggestions and amendments should send them in to the Provincial Grand Secretary before the 1st day of January.

The Treasurer's balance-sheet was then read and adopted.

Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.G.S.W., proposed a vote of five guineas to the Hughan Testimonial Fund, and in doing so said no brother had done more to elucidate the history of Freemasonry in Yorkshire, and as York was really the mother of Freemasonry our historian had a special claim upon all Masons. This was seconded by Bro. J. TODD (York), and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. Sir JAS. MEEK, seconded by Bro. J. STEPHENSON (Whitby), Bros. J. W. Woodall and Tesseyman were re-elected Charity representatives.

Bro. R. W. HOLLON, Prov. Grand Treasurer, said that having served the office of Treasurer for a great number of years, and being now advanced in life, he did not wish to be again nominated. He thanked the brethren for their kindness and courtesy during the length of time he had served them, and would ask leave to nominate as his successor Bro. J. Sykes Rymer, of York. The proposition was seconded from the body of the lodge, after which Bro. Dr. HANDYSIDE proposed as Treasurer Bro. Sir

James Meek, who he said was a brother known for a great number of years in the province as one who had taken a very active part in Masonry, and had gained by long services the confidence of his brethren. This was seconded by Bro. J. TODD (York); and Bro. J. S. RYMER having signified his unwillingness to stand for the office under the circumstances, the motion was carried unanimously.

The lodges then handed in their fees, and the PROV. G. SECRETARY stated that the result was satisfactory, and the numerical strength of the province was about two thousand.

The Provincial Officers for the year were then appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. J. T. Belk, 1848	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ Gilbert Wilkinson, 250	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
„ The Dean of York, 236	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ J. Sykes Rymer, 236	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ Sir James Meek, 236	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ M. C. Peck, 250	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ Andrew King, 57	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ W. Smith, 123	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ H. Walker, 312	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ V. Fowler, 643	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ E. D. Hackers, 1760	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ G. F. Marwood, 543	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
„ W. Gillett, 1605	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
„ R. B. Atkinson, 1244	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
„ Wm. Hill, 602	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ J. Elgry, 1040	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ W. Stokeld, 561	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
„ F. J. Lambert, 1010	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Master nominated the Cleveland, Zetland, St. Germain, North York, St. Cuthbert, and Royal Lodges to appoint Stewards.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. R. W. Hollon for his services as Prov. G. Treasurer, which was seconded by Bro. J. SYKES RYMER, and carried by acclamation.

In replying, Bro. HOLLON said that he had for 34 years been their Treasurer, and felt that he had done as much as he could for the Craft. He thanked them cordially for their good feeling.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he had received invitations from the Leopold Lodge, at Scarbro' and the York Lodge, at York, to meet at those places; but as Scarbro' had invited them last year, he should accept the Leopold's invitation, and the next meeting would be at Scarbro'. After a vote of thanks to the brethren of the Lion Lodge for their hospitable reception the lodge was closed, and the Prov. Grand Master retired with his officers.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Royal Hotel, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. Hallgate and Atlay, and Mr. Barraclough efficiently acted as trumpeter, an office which he performed on a similar occasion in 1867.

The following brethren were present in addition to those previously named:

Bros. Walter Reynolds, P.P.G.D.C.; James S. Wilson, P.P.G.P.; J. M. Meek, P.P.G. Reg.; J. H. Bennett, P.P.G.W.; J. S. Moss, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Todd, P.P.G. Reg.; W. D. Whiteside, P.G.S.; Wm. Lawton, P.P.G. Reg.; F. Foster, P.P.G.D.C.; Martin M. Westerley, P.G.S.; Henry Wald, P.G.S.; G. H. Walshaw, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Thompson, P.P.G.D.; G. Wilson, P.P.G.D.; K. Davison, P.P.G.O.; T. C. Davison, P.P.G.D.C.; G. L. Shackles, P.P.G.D.; W. Tesseyman, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Ivor Murray, P.P.G.W.; R. G. Sillett, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Green, Asst. P.G. Sec. West York; R. Luck, P.P.G. Reg. Durham; R. Beevers, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec. Durham; John Horsley, Prov. G.S.W. Durham; W. H. Porritt, P.P.G.W.; G. W. Smales, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; W. H. Marwood, P.P.G.W.; J. Dunn, P.P.G.P.; G. Ayre, P.P.G.D.; A. Farmer, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Cowper, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Harland, 312; T. Dale, 561; R. Clarkon, 561; J. H. Scholes, 123; H. Cochrane, 1848; John Glen, 1848; S. G. Crummack, 236; W. Clarkon, 312; W. Whincup, 57; J. Dinsdale, 57; J. W. Hoid, 1244; S. W. Cowper, 1848; W. Brown, 1611; W. Stonehouse, P.M. 312; F. Allanson, 312; J. D. Dodsworth, W.M. 660; R. W. Mead, 312; M. Cash, W.M. 1244; H. J. C. Williams, 939; A. Hallam, W.M. 602; S. Border, 236; G. Longbotham, 1848; F. E. Struton, 1848; G. Kirby, P.M. 236; W. Smith, 236; H. S. Hopton, 236; J. Fidler, P.M. 602; J. F. Jefferson, 312; S. Reed, P.M. 312; J. Chadwick, P.M. 1040; G. W. Hudson, 566; C. M. Forbes, 236; J. Oliver, 312; M. J. Martin, 57; T. Taylor, 57; M. Haberland, P.M. 57; E. Thackray, 1611; J. Blenkin, W.M. 1611; W. Gill, P.M. 602; J. Ru-hford, 602; R. B. Atkinson, P.M. 1244; G. Garbutt, W.M. 236; T. Harrison, P.M. 561; C. Anderson, 236; F. J. Hodgson, 236; W. Powell, 236; W. G. Calvert, 236; J. Robinson, 1611; M. Smith, P.M. 312; J. Brooks, 312; J. Bollans, 312; T. Smales, 312; G. W. Lawson, P.M. 312; R. Gent, 602; R. Scotson, 202; W. Bran, 602; T. K. Dent, 1244; G. Burdett, 1244; T. H. Trueman, 312; C. J. Roberts, 200; J. Wanless, 200; W. Ascough, 1760; T. N. Marwood, P.M. 312; J. C. Kay, 82; R. H. Sootheran, W.M. 1337; J. March, 123; S. J. Pearson, 123; Rev. W. Valentine, P.M. 236; R. Gray, 312; T. Tate, 312; R. W. White, 312; B. Newbald, 531; W. Frankland, 312; W. H. Pitts, 312; G. Colledge, 1618; W. Stockdale, 660; W. Sewin, 123; J. A. Andrew, 312; J. Foster, 312; W. Budd, P.M. 643; J. T. Thornton, 312; H. Forder, P.M. 1040; H. C. Pulman, 561; G. Page, 561; J. Herbert, 1244; W. Bramley, 561; J. Walker, 561; H. J. Webster, 1618; R. Y. Powley, P.M. 200; J. Powley, 1301; J. B. Lead, 312; R. Hall, 123; W. P. Ingham, 1244; J. B. Dale, 312; W. G. Lockety, P.M. 312; R. W. Leadbeater, 200; J. Sundry, 1618; J. A. Malcomson, W.M. 1848; J. Newman, 200; H. Hallgate, P.M. 312; J. B. Nicholls, 660; P. Pearson, 1611; J. Marshall, P.M. 660; P. M. Goldie, 660; G. Fitchett, 660; J. C. Moor, W.M. 97; A. H. H. McGachen, P.M. 1991; S. W. Fisher, 1248; J. T. Stewart, 312; J. E. Ryder, 312; J. Brunt, 312; H. Sherwood, 602; E. Harding 1991; G. Chambers, 1760; T. H. Dunn, 1760; E. Cooper, W.M. 200; W. Millner, P.M. 200; R. C. N. Barnard, 630; H. Procter, P.M. 123; S. Middleton, P.M. 1760; J. S. Stewart, 602; E. Carter, 236; A. Wellburn, 1760; C. Goulding, W.M. 294; E. H. Anderton, W.M. 630; E. P'Anson, W.M. 1618; T. D. Atkinson, P.M. 1618; G. Taylor, P.M. 1618; R. E. Steble, 1511; E. Spink, P.M. 1511; R. S. Watson, P.M. 543; W. Thornton, P.M. 312; A. T. B. Turner, 1611; A. W. Tomlinson, P.M. 200; M. Harrison, 531; T. Atkinson, 312; and others.

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2 the words 'September excepted.'"2. By W. Bro. J. L. MATHER, V.P., on behalf of the
House Committee: "That three boys be elected at the
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in addition to the 27 boys as announced on the voting
paper."To elect 27 boys, or, should the notice of motion on
behalf of the House Committee be adopted, to elect 30
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56 by the withdrawal of No. 55, Kretschman, Leo.The ballot for the election of boys will open at one
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Court has been transacted, and will close punctually at
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To Correspondents.

An interesting paper, relative to the Rev. Thos. Crane's MS., will appear in our next, by "Masonic Student."

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INSTRUCTION LODGES.—Prosperity, 65; Faith, 141; Emblematic, 1321.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire. Old Warrants, No. 1, by W. J. Hughan. Presentation to Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D. Masonic Service and Harvest Festival at Manchester.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhütte," "Hull Packet," "Voice of Masonry," "The Times on the Vintage of 1884," "Keystone," "Citizen," "Freemasons' Chronicle," "Broad Arrow," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "New York Dispatch," "Sunday Times," "Liberal Freemason," "Masonic World," "Court Circular," "The Tricycling Journal," "Victorian Freemason," "Allen's Indian Mail," "La Revista Masónica," "La Chaîne D'Union."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER II, 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.]

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I fully appreciate the necessity of preserving Masonic records and relics, and, as an old soldier, and for the last 14 years or so a Secretary of a Freemason's lodge, I would humbly suggest that as the War Office keeps whatever is worth keeping as historical, so the Grand Lodge might do well to call in all books and records of lodges that are not in use, and make a selection of what they consider desirable to retain as historical.

My experience as a Secretary is that I have been inundated with letters, circulars, and other matters which I would be loth to destroy, but stern necessity compels me to have an occasional clear out.—I remain, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

THOMAS REILLY,

44, Enfield Lock, N., P.M. and Secretary 1327.
4th October.

A MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I so thoroughly agree with Bro. Hawkins's suggestion, that I think it well to support his views openly in the *Freemason*. There are, no doubt, difficulties in the way, as there are difficulties now as regards almost every proposition; but probably the advantages so counterbalance the possible objections, that I, for one, feel sure, if the Association be heartily started and loyally carried on, it will soon attract to itself Masonic sympathy and support. I venture to think that the movement had better begin at Oxford, where several able brethren can help; that, as it were, under the shadow of the Ashmolean Museum, a Masonic Ashmolean Society be formed, to meet annually at some town in England, to have papers read, and an exhibition of Masonic Curios. The one objection probably made will be, another Society has been set on foot and has vanished away, "it is useless therefore to form another." It is on this point I venture to differ.

I feel sure if the experiment be tried it will succeed, as there are many brethren just now who are taking a great interest in Masonic investigation. Happily for Masonic studies that it is so, as we want a large, not a select, band of students; we do not wish Masonic knowledge to be centred in a few "mystagogues," and we certainly desiderate no infallible Popes in Freemasonry. I venture to think Oxford, for various reasons, the best place to start the movement from, though probably a preliminary meeting after the Masonic season has opened had better be held in London for consultation and consideration of certain important points connected with the establishment of such a Society. A great many brethren will be up on Monday, the 13th inst.; why should not a few meet together in the evening to discuss the whole matter?—Yours fraternally,

DRYASDUST.

THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As the surveyor who offered to prepare the bills of quantities at cost price, I should like to see the discussion cleared up. As it stands at present the two chief points of "One who Knows" have not been answered.

1. Who appointed Bro. Dunk?
2. Who was the other surveyor?
3. What was the commission paid?

I should like to state that I approved of the appointment of Bro. Berridge as architect, but am still of opinion that the Committee paid too much for the land and two speculative built houses.—Yours, &c.,

HENRY LOVEGROVE,
Life Governor.

MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

There are so many societies at the present day that there hardly appears to be room for another. The Rosicrucian College at York goes as far as Masons can well go in such matters, and it would be well if the Metropolitan College R.C. did something in that line by reading papers, &c.; it is now chiefly noted for very indifferent working and good dinners.—Yours fraternally,

CRUX CORONA.

A MASONIC CHARITY SUNDAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The recent suggestion of your correspondent "Middlesex," that there should be a Masonic Sunday for the purpose of supporting our three Charitable Institutions, is a very good one, and worth more than a mere passing consideration. As he says "we have a large number of the clergy of all denominations members of our Society," and the probability is that they would not require much urging in order to set apart one Sunday in the year towards assisting our Charities. I would point out, however, that a scheme of this kind requires much and careful organisation, if it is to be carried out in the fashion of the now established "Hospital Sunday." There must be a headquarters of some kind, where the plans for carrying out such a scheme may be prepared; there must be a small staff of officials by whom the work of preparation will be carried out; and, above all, there must be some kind of fund—not necessarily a large one—on which to draw for such expenses as postage, printing, &c., as will be found inevitable. I do not imagine there would be any great difficulty in finding the money and the brethren willing to act as officials, but how about the headquarters? Will Grand Lodge provide it, or must we look for its provision and organisation to a kind of syndicate or joint Committee of brethren on the Executive of the three Institutions? There may be other preliminary steps which would have to be taken in order to give such a proposal some chance of success, but these I have enumerated are among the most important, for the best of all reasons that they are absolutely indispensable. If the proposal be well carried out, there is no reason why it should not be productive of much valuable assistance to our Charities; but it would never do to court failure by attempting it without some organised system. We want a head to direct, hands to execute, and the wherewithal to defray expenses; the will to assist our Institutions by this or any other scheme that is practicable exists already.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Victimised but soon afterwards the biter bit.—

The following facts will show how very grateful members of the Craft should be to you sir, the P.M. of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, and Bro. F. W. Pulsford, W.M. of the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 898, for so kindly and assiduously acquainting our numerous members of the Craft by their letters headed, "A Caution," in your issue of the 4th inst., on page 467. The impostor therein alluded to turned up at the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, on Saturday last, and so far succeeded in his design, that a voluntary collection was made immediately after the closing of the lodge (this circumstance being very fortunate or the consequence might have been more serious), and the sum of seven shillings and sixpence handed to the "Biter." Within an hour of this proceeding I arrived home and read the letters in your valuable paper, and at once saw clearly that it was one and the same person described therein, and that we had been innocently led to violate our obligations by giving indiscriminate alms to an impostor. But now comes the "Biting" part of my story. On attending the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22, on Monday evening last, the 6th inst., which is held at the Cambria Tavern, near Loughborough Junction, S.W., the impostor turned up again and handed in a written application (which has been detained and forwarded to the Grand Secretary). A copy of your paper not being at hand, I at once waited on the V.W. Bro. H. B. Marshall, the Grand Treasurer, at his residence, which is hard by, and on his handing me a copy of the *Freemason*, remarked that "we had been victimised very nicely on Saturday evening," he (Bro. Marshall) being the I.P.M. of 1949. Of course the members of the lodge of instruction unanimously refused relief, the facts accorded by your correspondents agreeing in every particular with his appearance, statements, &c. The acting W.M. also proved several of his statements with regard to his recent military connections to be utterly false. Can nothing be done, sir, of a more effectual nature to check or, if possible, put a stop to these successful impostors, by their infamous trading on the better feelings of the brethren in our noble Craft.

I would only refer readers to Bro. Pulsford's letter to show how far he has succeeded in victimising several lodges. When these cases become known, I think a circular issued by the Grand Secretary to all lodges and lodges of instruction in the neighbourhood or town where they are found out, would greatly tend to reduce the abuse. Apologising for troubling you at this length,—I remain, yours very faithfully and fraternally,

HENRY BALDWIN, Prov. G. Std. Br. Middlesex,
Secretary 1777, S.W. 1949, &c.

October 8th.

THE CRAFT ABROAD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad you have managed to provide space in your columns for news from "the Craft Abroad." It cannot fail to be interesting to your readers to hear what is going on in other countries, but especially in our British Colonies and the United States of America, where Masonry has established for itself a home. People are not expected to sympathise with all that is being done elsewhere; but they must be glad of the opportunity you have now afforded them of hearing about their foreign brethren and their doings. The reports of our home proceedings are necessarily characterised by a strong family likeness, and so become tiresome after a time, except to those immediately concerned as actors or eye-witnesses, and the introduction of news from foreign jurisdictions in a more formal and conspicuous manner than has been deemed necessary heretofore, is a feature on which I consider you are justly entitled to the thanks and congratulations of all your numerous friends and well-wishers.—I remain, fraternally yours,

COSMQ.

A quantity of duty-paid port wines of different vintages will be sold by auction, at the London Commercial Sale Rooms, Mincing-lane, on Thursday, the 23rd inst., by Messrs. W. and T. Restall, on behalf of Messrs. W. Chillingworth and Son, Great Tower-street, the sale taking place in consequence of the retirement of the senior partner; but the business, which has been established over 60 years, will be continued as usual by Bro. J. G. Chillingworth.



THE MAGAZINES.

The magazines are before us yet again in their vitality and reality. It is remarkable in itself the fact,—whether for good or bad we say nothing,—what an enormous amount of our normal and abnormal reading to-day is bound up with these monthly magazines of ours. It is, we repeat, a fact needful to note, while impossible to overlook.

In "Longman's" "Jack's Courtship" is truly entitled a tale of love and shipwreck. "Norway Once More," "The Hermit of Saint Eugene," and "Madam" all will find readers.

"The Century" is very interesting indeed in "Lights and Shadows of Army Life," "Rosa Bonheur," "Social Conditions in the Colonies," "The Odyssey and its Epoch," "The New Astronomy," "Dr. Sevier" comes sadly and touchingly to a close. "The Price I Paid for a Set of Ruskin" is amusing, and "Bric a Brac" is clever, and pointed, and seasonable.

"Harper's Monthly Magazine" has some valuable contributions and is admirably illustrated. "The Home of Hans Christian Andersen," "Nature's Serial Story," "Artist Strolls in Holland," "The Gateway of the Sierra Madre," and "A Reminiscence of Mr. Darwin" are all admirable articles, and keep up the high character of the magazine. "My Life as a Slave" is also very moving.

"The Illustrated English Magazine" contains the "Ancient and Modern Horse, Heidelberg," and "Loch Fyne," in their way most effective. "A Family Affair" is very good reading; "The Little Schoolmaster Mack" is too transcendental for us.

"Temple Bar" sets forward "A Perilous Secret" and "Peril," and contains also "Dr. Beroni's Secret," very sensational, and "The Necrologist," very amusing. "Emma, Lady Hamilton" and "Emerson" and "Recollections of the London Stage" will find readers.

"All the Year Round" keeps "Gerald" and "After Long Years" before us. "A Cruise in the Mozambique," "Flowers in the Flowery Land," "Our Shining River" and "Maiden Hall" will gratify many. Are we wrong, or is our old friend becoming slightly prosy? Let us hope not.

"The Antiquary" and "Bibliographer," the Castor and Pollux of Dryasdustian literature, come seasonably and read well. But as Caviare is an acquired taste, and some never "tumble to it," so we fear that such magazines can only appeal to a limited class of readers. They deserve encouragement and support.

"Le Livre" is a French monthly review, and announcement of books of all kinds, and is needful for the amateurs of literature and the collectors of books. It is admirably printed and edited.

"The Voice of Masonry," as usual, contains articles worthy of perusal and thought. We are always glad to welcome it and pore over its varied contents.

"The Philadelphia Keystone" is in high force and vital energy. May its shadow never grow less, and "more power to the arm" of Clifford McCalla!



424] ENGLISH CUSTOMS.

Bye-laws of Lodge of the 3 Globes, Berlin, made 9th Nov. 1740; ch. ii. § 8. "In conformity with the customs of the lodges in England, our lodge shall submit every St. John's Day three candidates; in order that one of the three may be received gratuitously: this shall be done by ballot, and the one receiving most votes shall be preferred to his two companions." Does any proof of such a custom exist in England? If so, where?

G. W. SPETH.

425] GRAND INTERPRETER.

O'Etzel in his history of the Three Globes, Berlin, states (p. 68, fourth edition) that on the 9th May, 1766, the Grand Secretary of the *Sublime Grande Loge de France* wrote to the Grand Secretary of the Three Globes requesting the establishment of a mutual correspondence, and further, that he had been favoured with the correct address by Bro. Leautier, Secretary, *interpreter to the Grand Lodge of London*. This title is quite new to me: Did it ever exist? Is anything known of Bro. Leautier? If so, who was he?

G. W. SPETH.

426] WHOLE OF LIMBS, AS A MAN SHOULD BE.

This note may interest our American brothers. In 1755, in the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin, there was proposed for initiation Signor Luini, a court singer and eunuch. Objections were raised and advice was sought at almost the fountain head, *i.e.* at the Lodge Absalom, in Hamburg, the first German Lodge, No. 1737, holding its warrant directly from London, working pure English Masonry, and at that time the Prov. Grand Lodge of Lower Saxony, under the English Constitution. Hamburg answered that "undoubtedly eunuchs might be made Masons provided they otherwise possessed the essential qualifications of true and upright Masons and were free from vice." The ballot of Luini proved unanimous.

G. W. SPETH.

427] DR. DESAGULIERS.

I find in this week's *Freemason* an enquiry from "R. J. S.," and he quotes that John Theophilus Desaguliers died the 29th of February, (1744-1743), at the Bedford Coffee House, in Covent Garden, and was buried in the *adjacent ground* belonging to the Savoy—(Edward T. Reimbault in *Illustrated London News* November 17th, 1853). This paper is published on Saturdays; this 17th of November was on a Thursday, and I do not find any record on Saturday, the 10th, 1853, therefore I fancy some error has occurred. Was his name John or Jean? I find in the "Monthly Chronologies" of March, 1744, the death of the Doctor recorded at page 152. I also find in "Beaton's

Biography" that he is called Jean, not John—a French philosopher, who came to London with his father, entered into holy orders 1710, gave lectures on philosophy and fires improved, being a *New Method of Building Chimneys*. Born at Rochelle. B. 1683; D. 1749. This must be an error. I find the Doctor was at Haberdashers' Hall, with other Grand Masters, April 22nd, 1740. He was also present at the same Hall March 19th, 1741, G.M., Earl of Morton, *Kt.*, when the G.M. presented a staff of office to the *Treasurer* of neat workmanship. I take it the staff of office was of neat workmanship. A large cornelian seal of the Masons' arms, properly embellished, and set in gold, was presented to the G.M. by Wm. Vaughan, Esq. Senr. Grand Warden, at the same time. As a Mason, I should prefer to know if the staff of office and the cornelian seal are in existence than what became of the second son, Jean, of the learned doctor. I am sorry to trouble you with this long epistle; but I thought there were some points of interest to Masons generally.

Worcester, Oct. 4.

LAMB SMITH.

428] ANOTHER CUSTOM.

"In conformity with the customs established in England, the officers of the lodge shall hold a meeting every three months, which shall always be the last Saturday of said 3 months, in order to examine all differences and other matters which might arise concerning said lodge, as also the receipts and expenses."—*Ibid.*, ch. vi. § 9. What other proof have we of the alleged tri-monthly meeting in English lodges of a board of officers forming a Masonic court of justice and Audit Committee combined? I think these two statements very curious and worthy of attention. The source whence they are derived is beyond suspicion. If these customs did not obtain in England, how are we to account for it that our German brethren so firmly believed in their existence?

G. W. SPETH.

429] A MISSING RECORD.

On page 91 of "The Freemasons' Magazine" for August, 1794, are these words—"A record in the reign of Edward IV. (about 1460) in the Bodleian Library says—'The charges and laws of the Freemasons have been seen and perused by our late Sovereign, King Henry VI., and by the Lords of his most honourable council, who have allowed them, and declared that they be right, good, and reasonable to be holden, as they have been drawn out, and collected from, the records of *antient tymes*.'" &c. Is anything known about this record? The officials of the Bodleian Library can give me no clue to it. Is it identified with the apocryphal "Leland-Locke" MS., which is given on pp. 79-83 of the same number of "The Freemasons' Magazine," and is described by Bro. Gould in his "History of Freemasonry," vol. II., p. 487?

A BROTHER AT OXFORD.

430] THE FAME AND CONFESSION, &c.
Bro. E. L. Hawkins, P.M., of Oxford, has discovered among the Ashmolean MS. a copy of the Fame and Confession, in MS., in the time of James I. or Charles I., that is any time between 1603 and 1640. The MS. has the "name of Richard Joylife on the last page." This discovery raises several very interesting questions and considerations for Rosicrucian Students. The "Allgemeine Reformation," &c., is said to have been printed at Cassell in 1614. "Fama Fraternalitatis, R.C.," &c., was also printed at Cassell in 1615, whether written by Valentine Andreae, or Jung, of Hamburg. "Fama Fraternalitatis Beneben, &c.," (and this is the copy I possess) was printed at Frankfurt, A.M. 1615. These three works are, it is to be noted, different works, and not as is sometimes the case, confounded together. It is possible and probable that other editions exist. Vaughan's Fame and Confession was published in London in 1652. Nicolai was right in mentioning another edition of 1658, as Bro. Hawkins has just found it in the Bodleian, despite the quasi doubts of Kloss. The great point to be noted is that we have a very early entry in English, almost contemporary with the Cassell edition of 1614, and anterior to Vaughan's edition of 1652. Of course, careful collation will be required between this MS. and the edition of 1652, to discover what are the agreements and disagreements; but it seems to me that if this MS. proves to be an early and independent MS., the old theory that the edition of 1614 is an original work will have to be given up, as I believe it is untenable, and we are thrown back upon an earlier MS. work, on which Andreae or Jung founded the "Fama Fraternalitatis." The best thanks of students are due to Bro. Hawkins.

MASONIC STUDENT.

431] THE WREN MS.

By the persevering energy of W. Bro. C.W. Robinson, of Chester, I hope that we may ere long light upon the original of the manuscript, certified by L. Higson and by Bro. Brown in 1852. I give below a portion of two MSS. still extant among the papers of Dr. Crane, whose descendant and representative has placed them in Bro. Robinson's hands, and who has kindly forwarded them to me for publication in the *Freemason*. It is unfortunate that the portion of "an older MS.," as he terms it, is so short. Bro. Robinson has asked his correspondent to make further searches, and if we could only find the books of the old Chester lodge, we might obtain some most valuable information. If any one has them in keeping, he would confer a great boon on Masonic students if he would allow Bro. Robinson to see them, and make extracts from them. The other portion of the MS. which was among Dr. Crane's papers deserves careful collation with the portion of the Wren MS. previously alluded to as in my possession, but which is at present with Mr. Thompson British Museum. I hope by next week to have collated it myself. I would just add this little matter amongst others demonstrates the need of search and verification. What valuable evidence lies close at hand if we care to try to find it, and when found make a proper use of it.

Copy of paper in handwriting of Rev. Thos. Crane.

Extract from an old MS. on parchment:

"The first (charge) is, that they or you shall be true man or men to God and holy Church, and that you shall use neither Error nor Heresy by your understanding or by indecent men's teaching; Also that you shall be truly given to the King without treason or treachery, and if you shall know either treason or treachery, look you amend it if you may, or else privately warn the King or his Rulers or Officers; and also that you shall be true one to another, that is to say, to every Master or Fellow of the Craft of Masonry that be allowed Masons, and to do to them as you

would they should do to you; and also that every Mason keep truly counsels both of lodge and chamber, and all other counsel that ought to be kept by way of Masonry; And also that no Mason shall be thief or thief's p'ere as far forth as he knoweth; And that they shall be true to the Lord or Master they serve, and truly look to his profit and advantage; And also you shall call Masons your beloved or your brethren, and by no other foul name, nor you shall not take your fellow's wife in villany, ney further desire his daughter, ney servant; And also you shall pay truly for your meat and drink where that you go to board. Also you shall do no villany in the house whereby the Craft should be slandered. These be the charges in general that every Mason holdeth by, both Masters and Fellows."

An older M.S.:

". . . be thief, neither in companie; as far forth as he may knowe."

"Nother desere nngodly his daughter."

"Should howld both maister and fellowe."

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"Gram. Rhet. Dialectic or Logic, Arithmetic,

1 2 3 4

"Geom., Music, Astronomy," 5 6 7

There are one or two points in connection with the Wren MS. which deserve attention. The transcript I have was made by Mr. R. Sims, of the British Museum, from another transcript, but of which he has no reference. This MS. was published in 1879 in the "Masonic Magazine." Can Bro. Hughan help us? I have a faint idea he originally called my attention to it, but so many years have passed away, and I have seen so many MSS. that I am not quite clear about it. Mr. Sims copied it from some MS. and sent it to me, but he has now no idea he tells me where the original of his manuscript is. It will be interesting to know for whom Bro. Brown, a real personage, made the copy in 1852. Bro. Gould states that the copy was sold by Bro. Brown to a Mr. W. R. Bainbridge, of Liverpool, but I do not know whence he obtained his information. If Bro. Brown still lives, can he not be interviewed? On looking back to the December number of the "Masonic Magazine" for 1879, I find that the original publication seems to have come from my esteemed friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, who may be able to throw light on the Bainbridge incident.

A. F. A. W.

432] RECEPTIONS INTO A FRATERNITY.

While I was examining the Ashmole MSS. in the Bodleian Library, in compliance with the hint given by Bro. Gould ("History of Freemasonry," vol. 3, p. 171, note 2), my attention was arrested by the two curious documents of which I send copies. Each is written on a leaf of vellum, and has been cut on the right-hand side, so that a part of each document is wanting. I do not pretend to understand their significance; but I thought their reproduction might be interesting, and perhaps some readers of the *Freemason* can explain what they refer to. The blanks in my copies occur where the original documents have been mutilated. The first is thus described in the catalogue of the Ashmole MSS.—"Letters of frater Johannes gardianus. . . . receiving Richard Ghonge (or Young) and Marjory, his wife, into a fraternity. Dated in the Epiphany, 1450." The document is as follows:

"In Christo sibi karissimis Ricardo Zonge et Mariorie consorti sue frater Johannes gardianus . . . vite merita gaudia sempiterna. Deuocionem quam ad ordinem nostrum et specialiter a . . . beneficiorum exhibicione demonstratam. Spiritualibus beneficiis (bene?) compensari desiderat . . . tocus que capituli provincialis de assensu vnanimio conventus nostri superius memorat . . . conventus nostri suffragia recipio tenore presencium in vita pariter et in morte. Plen . . . spiritualium concedendo que per eosdem fratres mee cure commissos operari dignabitur clemencia . . . speciali vt cum obitus vestri vna cum representatione presencium in nostro locali cap . . . sicut pro nostris fratribus defunctis recommendatis ibidem fieri consuevit. Ualete felice . . . gloriosa. Datum in nostro locali capitulo in Epiphania domini Anno domini Mmo CCCmo lo."

The second is thus described in the catalogue—"Letters of frater Ni . . . receiving John Claxtone and Matild his wife into a fraternity. Dated at Colchester . . ." The following is the document:

"In Christo sibi karissimis Johanni Claxton et Matildi consorti sue frater Ni . . . cis vite merita gaudia percipere sempiterna. Deuocionem quam ob dei reuerenciam a . . . et acceptans cupiens que nobis vices rependere salutare. Nos ad vniuersam et . . . sencium in vita pariter et in morte. Plenam nobis participationem bonorum omnium . . . mee cure commissos operari dignabitur clemencia saluatoris. Adiciens insuper de grac . . . in nostro provinciali capitulo fuerint nunciati pro nobis fiat per totam admn . . . factoribus ordinis nostri defunctis recommendatis ibidem fieri consuevit. Je . . . Data in nostro provinciali capitulo Colcestrie celebrato in festo Assum . . ."

A BROTHER AT OXFORD.

BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW WORK.

On page 122 the author refers briefly to an attempt made in 1793 to induce the members of the various chapters to withdraw from the Grand Chapter. I have just discovered a circular issued in that year aent this question, and I think its publication in full might be interesting to the readers of the above work. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Bro. Hughan for producing in so condensed a form, which enables his readers to arrive at a fair knowledge of the origin and history of the Royal Arch Degree without losing an endless amount of time in wading through innumerable pages of dry and almost incomprehensible matter. I enclose the circular referred to.

J. H. SILLITOE.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

GENERAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD

AT FREEMASONS' TAVERN, LONDON,

ON FRIDAY, MAY 10, A.L. 5797, A.D. 1793.

PATRON OF THE ORDER,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CLARENCE

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

1. That the thanks of this Chapter be transmitted to the several Chapters that have expressed, in such handsome

terms, their determination to preserve inviolate the Union subsisting between them and the Grand and Royal Chapter of the Royal Arch of Jerusalem, in opposition to the innovations proposed in a circular letter sent to them by the Chapter of Emulation.

II. The Principals of the Chapter of Emulation having attended the General Chapter of Communication in May, 1792, and consented to the following Resolution then passed, viz., "That such Chapters as had not been regular in transmitting their registering fees, do forthwith send in a list of their companions exalted, with such a sum of money for registering their names in the Grand and Royal Chapter, as the Principal of every such Chapter shall declare upon his honour, as a Royal Arch Mason, is the utmost the finances of his Chapter will afford,"—and that Chapter not having conformed to such Resolution,—

III. That the Chapter of Emulation be *crased* from the List of Chapters acting under the constitution of Royal Arch Masonry.

ORDERED,

IV. That the above Resolutions, together with the following Address, be printed and sent to all the Chapters acting under this constitution.

A D D R E S S.

It appears to this Chapter necessary, at this juncture, to address the several Chapters constituted under the authority of the CHARTER of COMPACT, upon a subject of the most serious consequence to the future dignity and welfare of this sublime degree.

A memorial has been circulated with great industry by the Chapter of Emulation, with a view to dissolve a system which has had the test of long experience to insure its support. Thus attacked, it is believed, every companion, calling to his recollection the Union and Harmony which have so long distinguished Arch Masonry, will feel an anxious desire to resist innovation, and that, by well directed exertions, they will endeavour to preserve to the society that pre-eminence of rank it so justly merits.

If the companions who signed that memorial had only wished to amend any part of the system they thought defective, a contrary conduct to that which they have assumed would have been pursued.

In the place of attempting to create a schism in the order, and conceiving themselves qualified "to compact one with another," to take the future management of Royal Arch Masonry into their hands, they would (to shew the purity of their intentions) have complied first with those Resolutions which passed, when they were present, some of which were actually proposed by themselves, particularly that Resolution for payment of the registering fees.

The framers of that Memorial, having insidiously misrepresented the conduct of the Grand Lodge of Craft Masons, upon a complaint made by a late companion against the officers of the Grand and Royal Chapter; the Grand Lodge very properly observed on that occasion, that it had nothing to do with a matter originating in another independent society, competent to judge of and determine on its own affairs.

To counteract the intentions of that Memorial, clearly calculated and designed to mislead and deceive, this Chapter of Communication finds it necessary to declare, in the most solemn manner, that it will, upon every occasion, exert all its powers to promote the prosperity, union, and harmony, so essential in Royal Arch Masonry.

(By Order)

J. J. PRICHARD, E.
W. WRIGHT, N.

N.B.—The next General Chapter of Communication will be held at Free Mason Tavern, on Thursday, the 19th day of December next, at Six o'clock in the evening, when the attendance of the Principals of the several Chapters is particularly requested; and it is hoped that those Chapters that are still in arrear for their registering fees, will conformable to the Resolution of the General Chapter of Communication in May 1792, transmit the same to the Principal Scribe, ten days at least, previous to such meeting, in order that the account of the charity-fund may be properly stated.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION:

ANNUAL COURT OF GOVERNORS.

The annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Educational Institution was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, when the chair was taken by Bro. R. Brown, P.P.G.T., and there were present Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., and R. Martin, P.G.T., Hon. Secs.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., Hon. Treas.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Robinson, P.P.G.R.; H. H. Smith, P.M. 1505; G. Morgan, P.M. 155; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1575; W. C. Erwin, P.G.A., Sec.; H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; J. Tunstall, S.W. 1035; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 240; I. Turner, S.W. 504; G. J. Townsend, P.M. 1086; W. T. Smith, I.P.M. 780; J. Hughes, W.M. 1675; W. H. Tyerman, W.M. 786; T. Armstrong, P.P.G.T.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; F. T. Foulkes, J.W. 292; C. Bromley, P.M. 203; P. Hocken, P.M. 673; G. Wadsworth, W.M. 202; R. Owen, Sec. 673; Simon Jude, Sec. 231; C. J. Caddock, J.W. 154; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D. 786; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P.; Lieut. J. M'Nab, J.D. 241; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.R.; S. W. Halse, W.M. 673; John Beesley, P.G.S.; Thomas Evans, P.P.G.S.D.; J. C. M'Guire, P.M. 1547; and others.

The minutes of the last court were confirmed. Four children were placed on the combined educational, clothing, and advancement fund, and two on the educational only.

The following were elected officers for the year: Bro. J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., Treas.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., and R. Martin, P.G.T., Secs.; H. W. Collins, hon. solicitor; Dr. S. S. J. M'George, P.G.G.S. of W.; J. K. Smith, P.P.G.R.; G. G. Tatham, J. Christison, and Wingate Saul, hon. medical officers; Bro. H. W. Johnston, E. Pierrepont, R. Brown, and W. Goodacre, Auditors.

Before separating, the Chairman alluded to the death of the late P.G. Sec., Bro. H. S. Alpass, and spoke highly of the valuable services he had rendered to the Institution. A resolution of condolence with Mrs. Alpass was unanimously passed. Votes of thanks to the Past Officers and to the chairman were carried by acclamation.



Craft Masonry.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, when there were present Bros. John Smith, W.M.; H. T. Nell, S.W.; L. S. Fountaine, J.W.; H. Follett, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Heale, Sec.; R. E. Hunt, S.D.; H. J. Dean, Org.; and G. Mallett, Tyler; G. G. Symons, P.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; A. Mace, F. R. Callow, E. A. King, J. H. Smethurst, C. H. Shead, J. A. Jesson, and T. Bolt.

Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were then read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. J. A. Jesson as a re-joining member of the lodge. Various other matters were discussed, and the lodge closed in due form.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge held a meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Clarke, W.M.; Jordan, S.W.; Fromholtz, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Coop, S.D.; McMullen, I.G.; Hudson, W.S.; Hakim, A.W.S.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Heaphy, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Longstaff, Tyler; and others. The visitors present were Bros. C. Carter, S7; Langdale, 401; McConnell, 420; Mills, 1550; Clacts, 1563; and Bellerby, 1612.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Brewer was duly raised to the degree of a M.M. by the I.P.M. The election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. Jordan, S.W.; Bro. W. Carter, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer for the twenty-sixth time; and Bro. Longstaff, Tyler. The election of Auditors and members of the Benevolent Committee then took place. Previously to the lodge being closed, it was announced that a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late respected and deeply regretted Bro. Morrison, P.M., had been forwarded to them in the name of the lodge. The customary Past Master's jewel having been voted to the outgoing W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

TEMPERANCE-IN-THE-EAST LODGE (No. 898).—A capital meeting of the above old and flourishing lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar, E. Bro. Pulsford, W.M., was well supported by his officers, Bros. Sidders, S.W.; Butcher, J.W.; J. R. Waller, P.M., Treas.; Dr. C. W. Smith, P.M., Treas.; G. Gravelly, P.M.; Chapman, P.M.; H. Rogers, P.M.; S. T. Finch, P.M.; Cooper, P.M.; Williams, P.M.; C. Scrutton, P.M.; and numerous brethren and visitors.

The business transacted was the initiation of Mr. C. M. Hams, and conferring the Third Degree upon Bro. Cadman. In these ceremonies the W.M. acquitted himself very creditably, and gave all present entire satisfaction. Some important Charity business was disposed of, and other matters dealt with.

After the lodge a substantial cold collation was enjoyed, and this was followed by the usual toast list being duly and thoroughly honoured. Some excellent singing also was heartily enjoyed, Bro. Sherwin as usual accompanying.

It was announced that the lodge of instruction had again resumed its labours on Wednesday evenings, and that a Masonic Charitable Association was being formed in connection with it. We wish the Temperance brethren all success in their charitable undertaking.

VILLIERS LODGE (No. 1194).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Mitre, Hampton Court, when there were present Bros. Gambrell, W.M.; Gilby, S.W.; Wm. Vincent, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; R. A. Steel, P.M., Treas.; W. Dodd, P.M., Sec.; John Adams, D.C.; David Strong, Org.; Philip Monson, Stvd.; P.M.'s Wm. Harvey, F. J. Lancaster, Wm. T. Plimsaul, Thomas Cross, Thos. Verity, P.G.S. of W. Middx.; Hedges, Sec. Girls' School, R. Saxton Besant, N. Stamp, G. Thomas, E. H. Dalby, and G. S. Peachey.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been approved and the report of the Audit received, the W.M. proceeded to install his successor, Bro. George Gilby, into the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. Wm. Vincent, S.W.; Edward Monson (by proxy), J.W.; R. A. Steel, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Dodd, P.M., Sec.; T. Foot (by proxy), S.D.; J. Adams, J.D.; P. Monson, I.G.; D. Strong, Org.; R. Saxton Besant, D.C.; Geo. Thomas, W.S.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. The manner in which the outgoing W.M. installed his successor and delivered the address reflected great credit on him. It has, we are given to understand, been the custom in this lodge for some years past for the W.M. to install his successor. The ballot was then taken for two brethren for initiation. One being present—Mr. Charles Dodd—(no relation, we were informed, of the Secretary)—was initiated by the newly-installed W.M. in a most impressive manner. After the lodge was closed, the brethren partook of the installation banquet, which was of the usual excellent character, for which Bro. Sadler, of the Mitre, is renowned. The brethren all enjoyed themselves until the time of departure of the train, nearly all the brethren returning to the vicinity of the great city. We must not forget to mention the excellent singing of the Organist, Bro. Strong, who is the Organist of St. Jude's, South Kensington, and congratulate the lodge on having so excellent a musician amongst their members. We also noticed Bro. Henry Parker is a member, and wrote to say he would have been present had he not been engaged at the Guildhall School of Music.

Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Robertson, W.M. 1538; Murlis, P.M. 1642; Wimpey, 2012; Shaw, 1441; W. Crichton Saunders, 1362; Godden, 1446; Bottle, W.M. elect 1624; Palmer, 749; Bond, P.M. 1314; C. Taylor, 1624; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; Folsom, 1604; G. J. Brown, P.M. 140; C. E. Spark, P.M. 140; J. Kew,

P.M. 179; R. J. Alberty, 1928; and lastly the high esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, who takes so much interest in the prosperity of the lodges in his province, not only congratulated the lodge on the work he had heard, but sang a very amusing song. Altogether it was a most agreeable meeting, and if eclipsed by any previous installation, it was the only one since the commencement of the lodge, when the brethren had an opportunity of witnessing an eclipse of the moon, which was seen to perfection.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE (No. 1538).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. T. J. Robertson, W.M., presided. The attendance of brethren was good. The W.M. first raised Bro. E. J. Harper to the Third Degree, and afterwards installed Bro. J. P. Parkes as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was performed most brilliantly, and concluded a year of working not to be excelled in any lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Hatch, S.W.; Leversedge, J.W.; Woodward, P.M., Sec.; Fluck, S.D.; Barnett, J.D.; Larking, I.G.; and Archer, Org. Bro. Robertson then delivered the addresses, and the W.M., as his first duty, presented to Bro. Robertson, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, a beautiful Past Master's jewel in recognition of his eminent services to the lodge, both as a worker and a donor. After Bro. Robertson had acknowledged the gift, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed a very handsome balance in favour of the lodge, was read and approved. A Committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren subsequently partook of a charming banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts. The proposition of these toasts, together with the responses, were given in the fewest possible words; but the Master, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Robertson," said that the lodge were deeply indebted to that brother for the magnificent way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening. Every brother who witnessed the ceremony must have been highly gratified with it, as he had had an insight into Freemasonry which could not have been better shown, go where they might. Bro. Robertson had worthily concluded his very successful year by installing his successor, and the brethren would remember in his favour what an excellent Master he had been.

The brethren having heartily drunk the toast,

Bro. Robertson, in responding, said that 12 months ago he very modestly refrained from prognosticating or promising what he would do for his year of office. Well had it been for him that he had been so reticent. He never could have foreseen the changes that had taken place. Some brethren had seceded from the lodge, who probably imagined they had some cause of offence; but he thought they had been mistaken. No doubt differences must exist. He had met with troubles, perplexities, and adversities in his year; but, with the kind assistance and encouragement of the brethren, he was happy to say he had come out triumphantly from the ordeal, and felt none the worse for it. And why? Because his cause had been just and right. He had perhaps attempted to bring about some reforms and improvements in the lodge; but his own desire had been to fix responsibility, where it could possibly rest, on the shoulders of the W.M. They then knew where to expect and where to find redress. He had perhaps met with the fate of all reformers—he had been maligned. The work of re-organisation was always difficult, as Artemus found when he attempted to re-organise his wife. One brother who was present as a visitor at an installation meeting of this lodge described it as a serious debauch, notwithstanding the only harm the lodge did that brother was to make him as comfortable and as happy as they could. He (Bro. Robertson) left his office that evening with the best feelings towards the brethren. He was not conscious of having done anything that would give cause of offence. Their duty should be to pull together, and try to make the lodge a greater success than it had been. The brethren who had left the lodge had left their money to be spent by the brethren who were left. He had no doubt they would have health and ability to do it. In conclusion, he expressed his heartfelt wish that Dr. Watts's words might come true—

"Behold! how joyful 'tis to see
The brethren dwell in unity;
Oh! may no angry strife destroy
That heavenly peace, that holy joy."

The other toasts followed, Several brethren contributed to the enjoyment of a most pleasant evening by giving some beautiful songs and recitations.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Viaduct Hotel. Among those present were Bros. H. B. Marshall, Grand Treas., W.M.; Young, S.W.; J. Strugnell, P.M., acting J.W.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; Wildash, acting I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Potter Parkinson, Tyler; and others. Bro. Stack, of the Hartington Lodge, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the resignation of Bro. C. Jacques, P.M., through illness, was received with great regret, and subsequently it was unanimously resolved: "That in consideration of Bro. Jacques' valuable services as a founder and Past Master of the lodge he be elected an honorary member." Several communications from absent members having been read, the lodge was duly closed.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The first regular meeting of the season was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at Brixton Hall. The W.M., Bro. W. E. Farrington, was supported by Bros. H. Baldwin, Prov. G. Std. Br. Middx., S.W.; C. J. Axford, Prov. G. Std., as J.W.; W. Day, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., Sec.; and R. Poore, S.D.; the others who signed the attendance-book being Bros. H. B. Marshall, P.M., Grand Treas.; E. Newby; A. Jones; W. Kielland; Phillips, W.M. 1986; Knight, J.W. 1507; H. M. Williams, J.W. 1986. Bro. Potter was elected Tyler in the room of Bro. J. Daly, deceased. There was no other business.

ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).—The first meeting after the summer recess took place on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present

Bros. Alderman Staples, W.M.; T. Benskin, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; H. H. Wells, S.D.; B. Norman, J.D.; E. W. Stillwell, I.G.; E. J. Husey, D.C.; T. Murray James, and G. M. Sayle. Visitors: Howard Rumney 1671; George Kenning, P.M. 1657; P.G.D. Middx.; C. F. Matier, 59, P.G.W. Greece; and R. Fell, 201.

The minutes of the meeting held on April 7th were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Moore Sayle was then passed to the Second Degree, and a candidate for initiation at the next meeting was proposed. There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, under the genial presidency of the W.M., Bro. Alderman Staples.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The first meeting of the second session of the year was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 2nd inst., and was more than usually scantily attended, for two reasons—namely, that there was no ceremony on the agenda paper, and that many members were kept away by local circumstances of a public nature. Apologies for absence were sent by Bros. Ashley, Treas.; Radway, Sec.; T. Wilton (Mayor of Bath), D.C.; and others. The lodge was opened by Bro. Rubie, W.M., assisted by Bros. E. J. B. Mercer, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M.; S. Collis, P.M.; P. Braham, P.M.; R. B. Cater, P.M., as Sec.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., as D.C.; T. Ames, S.W.; W. Peach, J.W.; F. E. Wilton, S.D.; W. L. Baldwin, J.D.; Reynolds, as I.G.; Foote, Org.; and Bigwood, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., after congratulating the brethren on the resumption of duties, announced that during the recess a Provincial Grand Lodge had been held, when Bro. R. B. Cater had been appointed Prov. G.S.W.—a well-merited honour to himself and to the lodge—which was received with acclamation by those present, and the compliment was gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Cater. The W.M. also referred to the extraordinary and successful exhibition of Masonic documents, illustrative drawings, jewels, medals, and curios which had recently been held at Worcester, to which the lodge had been an extensive contributor, and reported that all the loans had been returned safely. Dr. Hopkins mentioned a valuable addition to Masonic literature, namely, "The Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry, especially in relation to the Royal Arch Degree," recently published by Bro. W. J. Hughan, being the seventh of hisseries, and, on his behalf, presented to the lodge a set of plates contained in the work, in acknowledgment of which a cordial vote of thanks was passed. The W.M. stated that the revised bye-laws had been sent for confirmation by the M.W.G.M.; but other changes having been required, the subject will be considered at the next meeting.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. W. J. Cunniffe, W.M.; J. W. Edwards, S.W.; R. R. Lisenden, J.W.; Wm. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; John Garside, Sec.; J. G. Elderton, S.D.; Jas. Wilson, P.M., acting J.D.; W. B. Akerman, I.G.; G. C. Frühling, Org.; E. Smith and A. Wild, Stewards; James Dawson, P.M.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John R. Lever, P.M.; Hen. Walmsley, P.M.; Chas. J. Rix, Wihl, Roscoe, Hamer, Eckersley, Auger, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163; Henry Paulden, S.W. 204, and others.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Mr. Ebenezer Wormleighton was balloted for and unanimously elected a member of the lodge. At the request of the W.M., Bro. J. R. Lever occupied the chair of K.S. and initiated Mr. Wormleighton into Freemasonry. Bro. John Garside delivered the E.A. charge to the candidate, and Bro. R. R. Lisenden the lecture on the first tracing board. There being no further business "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. B. Mathewman, W.M., and his officers. The minutes of last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Ben Walker, and being favourable, he was initiated into the mysteries by the W.M., Bro. A. Armitage, J.W., presenting the working tools, and Bro. R. Williamson, P.M., gave the charge. There not being any more business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, and after a hearty repast the remainder of the evening was spent socially and profitably. Several of the brethren—members and visitors—enlivened the evening by some excellent songs, and the initiate, Bro. Walker, will be a great acquisition to the lodge, he being a clever musician and accompanist. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Armitage, W.M. 275; Shoemsmith, W.M. 1783; E. Smith, Rowley, and Poppleton. The W.M. was also supported by the following P.M.'s: Bros. Allen Jackson, George Marshall, George Horsfall, Reuben Williamson, and H. W. Wrigley.

CREWE.—Four Cardinal Virtues Lodge (No. 979).—On Tuesday, the 30th ult., there was a large and influential gathering of the Craft at the Royal Hotel, where the brethren of the above lodge celebrated their annual festival. Bro. H. Lumb was installed W.M. Bro. John J. Savage, P.M., P.Z. 1086, performed the ceremony in a most able and impressive manner. Bro. Lumb invested the following officers: Bros. J. Kendrick, S.W.; W. Dunn, J.W.; F. Leech, Sec.; J. Badger, Treas.; D. Sutcliffe, S.D.; J. Knott, J.D.; J. N. McNeil, I.G.; T. E. Gibson, P.M., Org.; Wilmot Eardley, P.M., D. of C.; J. N. Jackson, S.S.; T. R. Hunt, J.S.; and T. Miller, Tyler. Bro. Wilmot Eardley, P.M., presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Wm. Wood, with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. G. W. Latham, P.G.D. Eng.; James Salmon, P.P.G.D., P.M. 425, 1477, and 1674; J. Heywood Bellis, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 293; H. Claud Lisle, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 293; Thomas Salter, P.P.G.J.D. West Lanc.; T. W. Newell Tanner, P.P.G.C.; Samuel Bennion, P.M. 293 and 1575; James Winsor, P.M. 293 and 241; John Vaughan, P.M. 293; Henry Burrows, P.M. 673; C. H. Hallaron, P.M. 293; W. Sandford,

P.M. 293; John Guiders, P.M. 1575; George Lashmore, P.M. 1575; R. Jackson, W.M. 368; W. Wilkinson, P.M. 1086; Francis Ewart, P.M. 1086; J. Hollinsworth, 758; and Frank Brown, 778. A grand banquet followed, the W.M.'s health being received with great enthusiasm.

RIVERHEAD.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—Last Saturday afternoon the brethren assembled for business under the presidency of Bro. Burch, W.M. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, there was not so large a gathering as is generally the case, but there was no falling off in the working which had to be done. The W.M. very ably passed two brethren who showed their proficiency for such advancement, and initiated a candidate. Bro. Duret, P.M., then raised three brethren who proved their fitness for being admitted to the Sublime Degree, and after a long sitting the lodge was closed in solemn form.

The usual refreshment after dinner was partaken of at the Amherst Arms Hotel, and Bro. Waller fully maintained his reputation as a caterer. During the discussion of dessert, which was both varied and excellent, the customary toasts were given; and in most perfect harmony the last regular meeting of the Amherst Lodge in 1884 was brought to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—The opening meeting of the season was held at the Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, on Friday, the 3rd inst., and was attended with a marked degree of success. To signalise the event, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, and the worthy Preceptor of the lodge, had consented at short notice to work the ceremony of installation, and that brother accordingly opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. J. West, S.W.; J. L. Dale, J.W.; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; B. Stewart, S.D.; P. McCarthy, P.M., J.D.; and W. Smith, I.G.; also Bros. T. Loane, J. Job, P.M., G. H. Stephens, J. Hirst, DaCosta, Campbell, Richardson, Hillards, B. Franks, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Charlton, S.W. 1259; W. Edmond, J.W. 1259; and W. E. Dominy, 1445.

Bro. Musto, P.M., as D.C., presented Bro. G. H. Stephens, as W.M. elect, to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and Bro. Cundick favoured the brethren with a highly intellectual treat in the manner in which the whole of the ceremony was worked. Afterwards, Bro. Stephens, in the chair, worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. DaCosta acting as candidate. Bro. Stewart next worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, and a capital evening of work was well concluded. Bros. J. Charlton, S.W. 1259; W. Edmond, 933, J.W. 1259; and W. E. Dominy, 1445, were elected members. Bro. J. West was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. Stephens, in the name and on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, made a warm and suitable acknowledgment of the value they all placed upon the untiring and able exertions of Bro. Cundick as Preceptor of the lodge, to advance the interests of the brethren and the Craft at large.

To this Bro. Cundick, P.M., made a brief and modest reply, and all business being satisfactorily concluded, lodge was closed. From the great success attending the opening night we augur another successful season for this old and capital working lodge.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—This lodge of instruction met as usual in goodly numbers on Thursday, at the Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow Street, Limehouse. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. Charlton, W.M.; Moore, S.W.; Cole, J.W.; R. Atkins, P.M., Preceptor; Esmond, S.D.; L. Etting, J.D., and acting Secretary; Thomas, I.G.; Saunders, Hams, Dixon, Price, Stephens, &c. The ceremony of initiation was worked by Bro. Saunders candidate. Bro. Hams was next tested for Second Degree, and on lodge being advanced Bro. Cole was questioned for Third Degree. The esteemed Preceptor next worked the greater portion of the ceremony of installation in an able manner, and it was announced that Bro. R. Atkins would work the installation ceremony in its entirety on Thursday the 16th inst., when brethren are cordially invited to attend. Bro. Esmond was elected to occupy the chair on the ensuing Thursday evening, and after some formal business the lodge was closed.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—This lodge of instruction since it has been removed to the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, has been remarkably well attended, particularly during the summer months, when many of the lodges of instruction have been compelled to close or barely able to get a sufficient number of the brethren together to hold a meeting. On Tuesday, the 30th ult., the Fifteen Sections were very efficiently worked by Bro. W. C. Smith, S.D. 1563, as W.M.; the able and very energetic Preceptor of the lodge, Bro. J. C. Smith, J.D. 1744, as S.W.; Bro. R. W. Duncan, 1436, as J.W.; and assisted by the following brethren, viz., Bros. W. H. Smith, 1563; L. Solomon, I.P.M. 1732; W. Chilcott, 1624; D. T. Davies, 72; J. Paul, 1278; C. A. Woods, P.M. 145; W. Fowles, 1348; J. Hemming, 1287; C. J. Day, 1641; R. E. Cursons, 1681; W. Brindley, W.M. 1604; and G. E. Swan, P.M. 1321. The following also attended: Bros. Cottebrune, P.M. 723, P.G.P.; W. B. Fendick, W.M. 1321; H. Cox, 144; R. Kirk, 1681; H. Baines, 1321; R. Fendick, 1426; C. Corby, 957; A. G. Clark, 1321; J. Purnell, 1791; W. Kent, 1321; J. Thom, 190; B. G. Brown, 1257; W. F. Girdlestone, 2024; J. Holmes, 1608; G. W. Harrington, 1563; G. F. Meads, 1321; J. Ellis, 1981; S. H. Barrow, 1321; J. Koenen, 1321; J. W. Kay, 1624; A. J. Taylor, 1791; J. C. Edmonds, 1507; R. A. Kirkaldy, 1321; E. Arduine, 1559; H. Ludwig, 179; R. J. Brand, 25; W. Perry, 507; W. Engleheld, 1321; J. Seymour, 1348; Capt. Nicols, 1974; W. A. Scurrah, 2048; W. H. Wadham, 1642; F. J. Porter, 1321; and others.

A vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. C. Smith for his efficiency in working and presiding as W.M., and for his indefatigable and persevering efforts as Preceptor to the lodge; also to all the brethren who had used their utmost endeavours to assist the W.M. in working the sections so perfectly. The lodge was then closed, the brethren appearing well satisfied with the work of the evening, and also with the exertions of the genial and worthy host, Bro. J. Holmes.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Fountains Abbey

Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. J. Lawrence, W.M.; F. Chandler, S.W.; W. A. Vincent, W.M. 1139, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1343, Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; J. Cruttenden, J.D.; W. Middleweek, I.G.; F. Goswell, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; J. F. Cliburn, C. J. Morse, R. E. Cursons, J. M. Chapman, and W. Death. Bro. E. J. Day, 1641, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened and closed in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. Called off and on. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed after the usual preliminaries, Bros. Craig and Chapman being the respective candidates. Bro. Chandler was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W., when there were present Bros. C. White, W.M.; J. Gibson, S.W.; J. Wade, J.W.; G. Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Capt. Butterworth, Treas.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; J. Gilbert, S.D.; A. Hayes, J.D.; McCullagh, I.G.; Wray, P.M.; Bunce, Glover, Taylor, Fraser, Woodlock, Luckhurst, Ardiwino, Foscutt, and Pernell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Glover acting as candidate. Bro. Bunce, 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 rehearsed, Bro. Bunce acting as candidate. Bro. Bunce, a Fellow Craft, answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the First Section of this lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. F. Pernell, 1791, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge; Bro. Pernell returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Gibson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. Wray, P.M. 1604, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge; Bro. Wray 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 4th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Wing, W.M.; J. Davis, S.W.; Geo. Gardner, J.W.; G. Gardner, Treas.; Corston, P.M., acting Sec.; J. Brown, S.D.; W. Williams, J.D.; Willis Wilson, I.G.; W. Mann, P.M., acting Preceptor; Johnson, P.M.; Stroud, Sims, and Fruen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very able manner by the W.M., Bro. H. Furze being the candidate. The chair was vacated by the W.M., and Bro. Stroud occupied it and rendered the charge in a most efficient way. Bro. Fruen being a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Fruen was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. J. Davis was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. The bye-laws of the lodge were ordered to be printed. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form with perfect love and harmony.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—This eminent Chapter of Improvement, which has for many years held its quarters at the historic old Jamaica Tavern, in the neighbourhood of Cornhill, has been compelled to seek a new home in consequence of the old structure being doomed to demolition, and on Tuesday night found a new resting place at the White Hart Tavern, in Cannon-street, at the corner of Abchurch-lane, the well-known hosier of Bro. Chard. The duty of finding new quarters for the meeting of the chapter was in May last entrusted to a committee, and after a most anxious and willing inquiry they succeeded in obtaining a most admirable room for the purpose, at the place above stated. As this Chapter of Improvement has been the means of giving the most important instructions to all seeking advancement in this Supreme Degree, anything concerning its welfare was naturally looked to with considerable interest. Accordingly on Tuesday last, for the first time the companions met at the place which for some time will be their place of occupation. The chapter was well attended, and amongst the companions present were: Lilley, Z.; Gillard, H.; Perrin, J.; Webb, S.N., and Beedall, P.S. There were present Comps. Walls, Smart, Cotterson, Child, Bing, Turner, Stanton, Brooks, Haynes, Braine, Newton, Fraser, Appleby, Daniel, Davies, Mardell and Comp. Frank. Brown occupied his usual position as Preceptor and S.E. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Child being the candidate. Comps. Brooks and Davies were unanimously elected joining members of the chapter. The votes of the chapter were accorded to Comp. Lilley, who is supporting the case of Henshaw, a candidate for one of the Masonic Institutes. There being no further business the chapter was closed, and the convocation was adjourned until Tuesday evening, the 11th of October, at half-past six o'clock.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Chapter (No. 130).—At a meeting of this chapter at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., Comp. W. Waters presiding, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. S. Myer, Z.; T. Lashmore, H.; M. Emanuel, J.; R. S. Pearce, Treas.; J. R. Weston, S.E.; H. P. Aslatt, P.S.; Henry Lashmore, S.N.; and C. Biggs, Janitor.

At a meeting of the Peace Chapter No. 359, on the 3rd inst., Comp. G. Cross in the chair, the following were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. W. Berry, Z.; J. Clark, H.; D. O. Hobbs, J.; J. R. Weston, Treas.; W. Bowyer, S.E.; J. Wilson, S.N.; T. Walton, P.S.; and Biggs, Janitor.

On Thursday last, the 9th inst., the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., was the guest of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex, held at Brighton. We shall report the proceedings in our next.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS COUNCIL (No. 1).—A meeting of this distinguished and prosperous council was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Bros. T. Poore, P.G.C.W., T.I.M.; C. F. Matier, acting D.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G. I.M., &c., Recorder; Bryant, acting P.C.W.; Gravely, Marshall, H., J. Lardner, Steward, Powell, and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. J. Love-Parry, M.P., P.G.S.W. (Mark) North Wales, &c., and it proving to be favourable, he was impressively and duly admitted, and received as a M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M. by the T.I.M. Numerous letters of apology were read from Bros. G. Lambert, D.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, G.M.; H. C. Levander, Loveland, A. Williams, R. Berridge, Anderson, Spice, Major Dunbar, and others. The council was then closed to the degree of Select Masters and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for the banquet. In the unavoidable absence of the T.I.M., Bro. Walls presided. A few toasts were given and responded to.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—A meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square. Among those present were: Sir Kts. Shirley, M.P.S.; T. C. Walls, V.E.; Dr. Mickley, S.G.; Dawes, I.G.; T. Cubitt, P.S. Treas.; John Mason, G.C. Recorder; H. J. Lardner, S.B.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.S.; Massa, P.S.; Hardy, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of several candidates for the Order, and it proved to be unanimous, but through unavoidable circumstances they were prevented from attending.

Several letters apologising for non-attendance having been read, the conclave was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the Holborn Restaurant. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual routine of toasts followed.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. A. H. Tattershall presided, and there were present Bros. C. G. Dilley, G. West, Joseph Clever, T. W. C. Bush, W. J. Marks, L. G. Gordon Robbins, James Brett, Henry Moore, Charles Lacey, F. Adlard, C. A. Cottebrune, W. H. Goodall, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, J. A. Farnfield, A. Garfield, T. Cubitt, C. H. Webb, A. Storr, L. Stean, Charles Dairy, James Willing, jun., Jabez Hogg, and James Terry, Sec.

The minutes of the September meeting having been read and verified, the deaths of two annuitants, one male, and one female, were reported, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for various amounts, after which eight petitions, five for the male, and three for the female, were submitted, considered, and accepted with the exception of one male, which was deferred. The meeting then separated with the usual compliments to the Chairman for presiding.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. J. L. Mather, Vice-President, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; W. Paas, C. F. Matier, T. Cubitt, W. Roebuck, R. Berridge, H. Hacker, C. F. Hogard, Rev. Dr. Morris, L. Ruf, G. P. Gillard, W. A. Scurrah, A. E. Gladwell, E. M. Money, G. P. Britten, C. H. Webb, C. Daniel, H. S. Goodall, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee read for information. Two petitions were submitted and accepted, and two grants of £5 each for outfit were made to H. A. Simmonds and R. H. Nicholls. Two notices of motion for the Quarterly Court on Monday next were given—one by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart to except the month of September from the operation of Law 36; and the other by Bro. J. L. Mather, on behalf of the House Committee, to the effect that three boys, in addition to the 27 already announced, be admitted by election on Monday; this, if carried, will raise the number of vacancies to be balloted for to 30. Notice was given of the withdrawal of Leo Kretschman, No. 55, from the list of candidates, and information was given that Bro. G. Plucknett, Treasurer, had received and paid into the London and Westminster Bank the sum of £50, being the amount of a legacy, free of duty, handed over from Mr. C. J. Kilpin. The meeting then rose.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

The half-yearly election to the Boys' School will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Monday next, the 13th inst., when from an approved list of 57 candidates, reduced by the withdrawal of Leo Kretschman, No. 55, to 56, there will have to be elected 27. This is a rather better proportion of vacancies to applicants than we have been accustomed to see at the more recent elections to this Institution. London sends up 20 candidates; Devon and East Lancashire four each; Lincoln and Norfolk three each; Northumberland, Somerset, and Surrey two each; Cumberland and Westmoreland, Derby, Dorset, Durham, Gloucestershire, Kent, W. Lancashire, Middlesex, Nottinghamshire, North Wales and Salop, South Wales East, South Wales West, Staffordshire, Sussex, Jersey, and Tasmania one each. Exactly one half of the children remain over from April last, one having been a candidate at five previous elections, two at four elections, seven at three elections, nine at two elections, and the other nine in April last. The remaining 28 present themselves for election for the first time on Monday next. Three old and two new candidates, namely, Nos. 1, 10, and 14, and Nos. 46 and 48, must succeed this time or fail altogether, as they will be ineligible

for further trial under the operations of Law 52. There are 47 fatherless candidates, and three who have had the misfortune to lose both parents, while another, almost in the same predicament, having only a stepmother to take charge of him. Five of the boys have both parents living, but in one case the father is described as "incapacitated," and in another as "insane." Nos. 9, 18, 24, 25, 30, 32, 37, 43, 54, and 57 are noted as having each a sister in the Institution for Girls. Here, as in the case of the Girls' School, we abstain for obvious reasons from offering any remarks on the relative merits of the candidates; their worthiness is guaranteed by the fact of their names appearing in the list, but we may legitimately point out that those who wish to carry their cases through successfully will have to work hard in order to achieve their purpose.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

It is probable our readers do not need to be reminded that the half-yearly election of our Girls' School will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at the Quarterly General Court held at Freemasons' Hall, at the hour of noon. There are 30 approved candidates on the list, and the fortunate 13 who succeed in obtaining the highest votes will be admitted into the School, and receive the benefits of the training it provides until the age of 16. Of the 30 candidates only 12 have had to undergo the ordeal of a ballot at a previous election, and of these one has made three attempts, and six two attempts, the remaining five having been candidates for the first time in April last. Eleven of the 30 girls hail from London, and the other 19 from the provinces and abroad, namely, three from Northumberland, and two in each case from Kent, Staffordshire, and North and East Yorkshire, while Devon, Durham, Hants and Isle of White, Herts, Middlesex, Norfolk, Somerset, South Wales (East Division), West Yorkshire, and British Burmah send up one each. In the case of four of the girls, one of them having been a candidate twice already, if they fail on this occasion, they fail entirely, as they will have attained the maximum age for admission before the next election in April, 1885; three of these four are provincials, and the remaining one from British Burmah. Into the merits of the several cases it is not our province to enter, they have been carefully sifted by the Committee of the Institution, and the fact of their being on the list is proof positive, as the saying is, of their worthiness to be received into the School. We may state, however, that 26 of the children are fatherless, two have lost both fathers and mothers, and two have both parents living. In the case of several of the candidates standing over from the April election, there is a strong array of votes to their credit, which ought to give them a fair chance of success this time; but the friends of all will have to work hard in order to win.

CONSECRATION OF THE KENDRICK LODGE, No. 2043, READING.

There was a very strong gathering of brethren on Thursday, the 2nd inst., on the occasion of the consecration of this new lodge. The ceremony was most ably and impressively carried out by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., Deputy G.M. of the Province (Berks and Bucks), who was assisted in his important duty by Bros. S. Wheeler, W.M. 414, P.G.S. of Works, and Walford Ridley, W.M. 1101, Prov. G.A.D.C., as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, while Bro. Rob. Bradley, P.G. Sec., acted as Secretary. Bro. W. G. Flanagan, P.M. 1101, and P.P. G.P., W.M., designate, was afterwards installed in the chair of K.S., and having been duly saluted in the Three Degrees proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the year, namely: Bros. F. J. Ferguson, I.P.M.; C. G. Rucker, S.W.; G. W. Webb, J.W.; E. G. H. Stubington, Sec.; C. H. Tench, S.D.; J. E. Sydenham, J.D.; C. B. Tubbs, I.G.; and J. F. Stevens, Tyler. The W.M. having presented an elegant jewel commemorative of the establishment of the lodge to each of the founders, Bro. Brownrigg delivered the usual addresses. Votes of thanks to the Consecrating Officer and his assistants were unanimously passed and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and sundry propositions for initiation and joining were handed in, the lodge being afterwards closed with the usual formalities.

The banquet which followed was held at the Great Western Railway Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Flanagan, W.M., and on the removal of the cloth, the toast list was duly honoured, those of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," being very cordially received.

Bro. BROWNRIFF, whose name was associated with the last of these, laid stress in his reply on the fact that the duties of the Grand Officers were performed in a most satisfactory manner, notwithstanding that the work of Masonry had gone on increasing of late years most rapidly.

The toast of "The R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Prov. G.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers," was acknowledged by Bro. BRADLEY, Prov. G. Secretary, who, having fully endorsed the remarks of Bro. Brownrigg as to the manner in which the work of Grand Lodge was done—as exemplified by the manner in which the ceremony of the day had been conducted—and having congratulated the members of the Kendrick Lodge on the sterling qualities of their first W.M., urged on the officers the necessity of keeping up their interest in the lodge, and pointed out that they would be likely to do this most satisfactorily if they exercised proper vigilance over those who might present themselves as candidates for admission, whether as initiates or joining members. Bro. Bradley likewise referred to their provincial organisation for utilising the votes of brethren subscribing to the different Charities, and expressed a hope that the members of the new lodge would fall in with the existing arrangements for the purpose.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. MOXHAY, who spoke in highly complimentary terms of the services already rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. Flanagan; and the latter, in acknowledging the honour paid him, urged on his brother members to do all in their power to assist him in carrying out the duties of the lodge.

Bro. R. DOWSETT, I.P.M. 1101, responded for the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," and in doing so said he was sure their claims to the support of the Craft would not be overlooked by the new lodge. The other toasts included those of "The Consecrating Officer," acknowledged by Rev. Bro. BROWNRIFF, "The W.M.'s; P.M.'s; Officers, and brethren of Lodges Nos 414 and 1101;" "The other Reading Lodges,"

and "The Visitors," for whom Bros. Rev. WALSH and W. W. MORGAN, W.M. 211, replied. The musical arrangements, of which Bro. J. C. B. Tirbutt, P.P.G.O., had charge, gave every satisfaction, as likewise did the banquet, which reflected great credit on the proprietors of the hotel, and the general conduct of the day's proceedings throughout. Among those present, in addition to the brethren whose names have already been specified, were Bros. T. Cooke, jun., P.P.G.S.D. Staffordshire; G. Lear, P.M. 694, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Morris, W.M. 1566, Prov. G.J.W. Berks and Bucks; J. Dew, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; S. Bradley, P.M. 414; M. J. Withers, S.W. 414; A. W. Parry, Sec. 414; H. T. Knill, J. H. Walters, T. J. E. Howlett, J. M. Martin, I.G. 414; J. T. Brown, P.M. 1101; W. Ferguson, 1101; G. Blackwell, P.M. 1101; J. T. Freeman, P.M. 1101; J. T. Stranson, Treas. 1101; W. A. Hakin, C. Slaughter, J. Sparrow, A. Welch, P.M. 1101; C. Beckett, 1119; R. De Lacy, W. Collins, Sec.; and others.

Letters of regret from brethren who were unable to attend, were read, the most conspicuous amongst them being one from Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M.

The Craft Abroad.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

It was only in the month of April last that the new Grand Lodge of South Australia was formally constituted, yet in the very month of May immediately following was constituted its earliest offshoot, the Leopold Lodge, ranking as No. 31 on the roll of the new body. As might have been anticipated, the M.W.G.M. and his principal Grand Officers were present on so auspicious an occasion, and the ceremony was carried out in strict accordance with ancient Masonic usage. Bro. Rob. L. Mestayer was afterwards installed W. Master of the Leopold—we wonder, as "Mestayer" is by no means a usual name, if this is a descendant of Bro. Richard F. Mestayer, G.J.D. of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1815, and previously a distinguished member of the "Ancients"—the brethren appointed and invested as his officers for the year being Bros. W. E. Pickles, S.W.; J. G. Jenkins, J.W.; W. B. Stephens, Chap.; J. Boase, Treas.; S. J. Whitmore, Sec.; W. Cate, S.D.; W. J. Sowden, J.D.; H. Hampson, I.G.; A. Puddy, Org.; P. M. Sketheway, M.C.; A. Leane, F. Leane, Ormiston, and W. Smith, Stewards; and N. Kildael, P.M., Tyler. The lodge will be conducted on what are called Temperance principles—in other words, non-alcoholic beverages will be the order of the day.

DISSATISFACTION IN BENGAL.

The *Masonic Record of Western India* expresses great dissatisfaction at the apparently unequal distribution of District Grand Lodge honours among the lodges in the jurisdiction, and wonders why a District Grand Lodge could not be established for the North-west Provinces and Oude. It points out that "no less than 20 Craft Grand Lodge Officers, including District Grand Stewards, have been elected from among the 17 lodges of Lower Bengal, whilst the remaining 16 lodges of the North-west Provinces and Oude have had to content themselves with only eight offices in the District Grand Lodge of Bengal." Having enumerated several lodges which have rendered "eminent services to Craft Masonry, and yet have had no share whatever of the loaves and fishes of the Craft," and many brethren who have played their part well and "yet for some mysterious reason" have not been elected for office, it goes on to say: "We do not mean to insinuate that the officers appointed to the District Grand Offices are in any way unworthy of their office, but the fact that the distinguished Masons we have mentioned, and others of equal merit, have been overlooked, would seem to indicate that greater discretion and tact in the exercise of such a responsible and delicate duty as the selection and nomination of these high officers would not be out of place." On the subdivision of the district, it remarks: "Without being actuated by any desire to create schism in the ranks of Masonry, we cannot understand why the North-west Province and Oude, with their 16 Craft lodges, could not found a D. Craft Grand Lodge of their own, when British Burmah can support one with seven, Madras and Bombay with 18 and 17 respectively, and the Punjab with 21. This would not be difficult of accomplishment when we reflect that we have in our midst such a galaxy of Masonic celebrities comprising W. Bros. W. R. Barry, C.S., Major Currie, Col. Wolesey, Col. Forbes, Hon. Douglas Straight, Rev. F. L. Philips, Rev. A. H. Etty, Rev. Jermyn Atkinson, B.A., C.S., Markham, C.S., any one of whom could wield the Masonic sceptre with grace, dignity, suavity, and fortitude, if appointed District Grand Master at Allahabad or Lucknow. With this constellation of Masonic genius, which is after all but a small portion of the Masonic talent of the province, what we have suggested could be easily effected. Indeed, something of the kind seems necessary, if not imperative, in order to allay the discontent which is being felt by many Past Masters at seeing the laurels of Masonry adorning the brows of Calcutta Masons so exclusively. Some such step, if taken in time, will give an impetus in the North-west Provinces and Oude, and prevent it from stagnating." Our contemporary points out that in Royal Arch and Mark Masonry the inequality is still more apparent, but in order to justify its criticism, it must show that the same unequal distribution has been conspicuous, not in a single year only, when it may be the result of accident, but that it has extended over a reasonably long term of years.

THE LATE BRO. W. DONALD, D.G.M.

We referred last week in our notice of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, to the death of R.W. Bro. W. Donald, lately D.G.M. thereof. The "New Zealand Craftsman and Masonic Review" for August contains some particulars respecting his funeral, which took place on 2nd July, and it is evident from these that the Craft did all their power to show the respect they entertained for their late distinguished brother. The account is derived from the *Ellesmere Guardian*, and describes how the Masonic Fraternity assembled at the appointed hour at the quarters of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 604, the lodges represented being the Amberley, Ashley, Concord, Ionic, Conyers, Progress, Southern Cross, Canterbury, and St. Augustine, of the English Constitution; the Corinthian, Irish; and the Robert Burns, St. Clair, and Canterbury Kilwinning, of the Scotch Constitution. About an hour later "the lodges formed in procession outside the lodge room, being headed by two Tylers with drawn swords, who were immediately followed by the youngest lodge present—Amberley,

2007—in inverted order, in accordance with Masonic usage, who were followed by the P.M.G. and officers of the Grand Lodge, S.C., and by the various other lodges in their proper rank. The lodges in the Ellesmere district were thus represented: the Lodge of Progress by Bros. Webster, P.M.; C. J. Willis, I.P.M.; D. Sutherland, acting S.W.; T. H. Willis, acting J.W.; Dr. Chapman, acting Treas.; Park, Sec.; Hibbard, acting S.D.; and Ashley, acting J.D. Bro. Webb, P.M. of the same lodge, was amongst the D.G. Lodge Officers as P.G.S.W. The Lodge Ionic was represented by Bros. Watkins, W.M.; Karslake, S.W.; Jameson, J.W.; Johnson, Treas.; and Woodman, S.D. Headed by the Lyttelton Artillery Band, the procession moved off towards the late D.G.M.'s residence, the D.D. G.M., Bro. Thompson, supported by his Grand Deacons, with their wands of office, coming last. On arrival at the house, the bearers—chosen from the Fraternity generally, but chiefly from the Unanimity Lodge—entered, and shortly afterwards bore the coffin, on which were placed a number of beautiful wreaths, and the D.G.M.'s apron and collar, to the church. Immediately following the coffin were the mourners, amongst whom were Mrs. Donald and Mr. Y. Donald. The service in the church was solemnly rendered by the Rev. J. Townshend. Having been joined by the Lyttelton Orphanage Band, the procession started for the Anglican Cemetery, the bands alternately playing the Dead March from "Saul." On arriving at the spot chosen for the deceased brother's last resting-place, "the Masons opened their ranks and allowed the bier and chief mourners to pass through, and then—the D.D.G.M. leading—followed on in the order of seniority. The Very Rev. the Primate performed the funeral service at the grave, the Rev. the Dean also assisting. The church choir having sung 'Thy will be done,' Bro. Thompson, D.D.G.M., took his station at the head of the grave, and the Masonic choir sang 'Luther's Hymn.' The impressive Masonic ceremony was then proceeded with, the spotless lambskin having been deposited in the grave, followed by the evergreen, the funeral grand honours were given with the words 'We cherish his memory, we commend his spirit to the Lord, and we commit his body to the earth,' which was followed by the hymn 'Lead kindly light.' After a prayer and responses, the lodges re-formed the procession, and returned to the lodge room." Our deceased brother, who arrived in the colony in 1849, had resigned his office a few months before, and the *Lyttelton Times*, in speaking of his kindly qualities, says: "Especially will those who, when Lyttelton was more to Christchurch than it is to-day, experienced unswerving kindness and hospitality at his hands, mourn the loss of a genial and kindly man, ever ready with his joke and merry jest, and a heart almost womanly in its affection for a friend. Few men in Canterbury can have made fewer enemies and more friends than William Donald."

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. THOMAS HAIGH.

The remains of the late Bro. T. Haigh, a member of the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, West Derby, were interred on Friday, the 3rd inst., in Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, in the presence of a large number of his trade and other friends. The deceased, who was thirty years of age, was held in great regard. There were present at the grave Colonel Haigh, Bro. G. T. Haigh, J. W. Bourne, Bro. J. Houlding, H. W. Cook, Bro. Wm. Coates, Jesse Motum, W. Taylor, Holland, Allinson, ex-Sergeant-detective Horne, ex-Inspector Gardner, Bro. Hanmer, Thomas Taylor, Reay, Peter Hudson, Bro. H. Nelson, Thomas, Hood, Hitchon, Fairhurst, Deardon, J. Prescott, Bro. Neil (Sykes and Co.), Moore, Bleasdale, Phillips, Fletcher (chairman of the company), Bro. Dr. Pugh, Wigan, Bro. P. Armstrong, Dixon, J. Allinson, Bro. G. S. Willings, W. Hall, Bro. H. Lumb, J. Clayton, and others. Mr. Leach, Secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, was also present, as were the following brethren connected with the Pembroke Lodge: Bros. Taylor, J. Jeanett, W. Jones, P.M.; S. H. Jones, and W. Kinsey. Among the wreaths, which were profusely laid upon the coffin, were some sent by Mr. Longbottom, hop merchant, of Chester and Worcester.

BRO. CHARLES LOWTHER KEMP.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. Charles Lowther Kemp, which took place at Montreal on Friday last, the 3rd inst., he having sailed for Canada a fortnight previously for the benefit of his health. Bro. Kemp was initiated into Freemasonry on the 21st November, 1878, in the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63; and on the 20th May, 1880, was exalted in the Royal Arch chapter attached to that lodge. In October, 1881, he appeared as one of the founders of the Wickham Lodge, No. 1924, and but for his premature decease would have been installed as W.M. of that lodge on the 3rd prox. He was well and widely known as one of the most able and impressive workers at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, by the members of which, as well as by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, he will be deeply and deservedly lamented.

BRO. H. W. GREGORY.

The death occurred, on October 1st, at 30 St. Phillip's-road, Dalston, at the early age of 39, of Bro. W. H. Gregory, who succumbed to a very painful malady, after a long illness. Bro. Gregory, who was initiated in the Prosperity Lodge, and held the office of S.D., was one of the founders and S.W. of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, and was a very popular member of the Craft. His remains were deposited in the cemetery at Walthamstow on Saturday last, and the tributes of respect and the numerous circle of friends and members of the Craft who attended, testified to the respect and esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

It appears from a statement which has been going the round of the press that the gentleman deaf and dumb beggar on London Bridge, who lately died in the Southwark Workhouse, was a "Swiss gentleman and a Freemason. In an unguarded moment" he "revealed some of the mysteries of his Craft to a Delilah. Stung by remorse, he vowed that he would not open his lips for ten years, and that he would go bare-headed and bare-footed through the world, and forego for 20 years all the advantages which fortune had bestowed upon him." At the time of his death he had held strictly to his vow for over 13 years.



The Bank rate has been increased to 3 per cent.

Bro. George Lambert has been elected Master of the Temple Metropolitan College Rosicrucian Society of England.

Bro. Alderman Whitehead was on Saturday, the 27th ult., inducted as one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex at the Guildhall.

Bro. Chaplin Henry has removed from 2, Akerman-road, Brixton, S.W., to 28, Paul-road, Hanover-park, Peckham.

The installation meeting of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1064, will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

Bro. H. W. Henniker Rancee is a candidate for the office of Clerk and Solicitor to the Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers.

Bro. Edwin Storr will be installed W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, on Tuesday next, the 14th inst., at the Holly Bush Hotel, Hampstead.

Bro. Alderman Sir Henry Knight has retired from the business of Henry Knight and Co.; his son, Mr. H. M. Knight, who has had the sole management for some years past, will continue the business on his own account under the old style.

Bro. George Kenning has consented to preside at the seventeenth annual dinner in aid of the funds of the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution, to be held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday, the 24th prox.—*Citizen*.

Mr. Gladstone will cut the first sod of the Wirral Railway at Birkenhead on the 15th inst. The railway is a link which will connect Liverpool with North Wales by means of the Mersey Tunnel. The tunnel itself is fast approaching completion.

Alderman Nottage, the Lord Mayor elect, having been chosen on Michaelmas Day as successor to Bro. R. N. Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., in the Lord Mayoralty of London, is, like the majority of the Aldermen who during recent years have filled the civic chair, a member of our Fraternity.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. G. King, P.M., P.Z., &c., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, opposite Wimbledon Station, on Thursday, the 10th inst. Lodge will be opened at 6.45.

The number of failures in England and Wales gazetted during the week ending Saturday, Oct 4, was 58. The number in the corresponding week of last year was 140, showing a decrease of 82, being a net decrease in 1884, to date, 5115.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., by brethren of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at seven o'clock.

Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell has received a communication from Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, thanking him, on behalf of his colleague (Mr. Sheriff Phillips) and himself, for the admirable manner in which the arrangements of the inaugural ceremonies had been carried out.

We are requested to announce that the ceremony of installation will be worked in the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, No. 1259, at the Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-street, Limehouse, on Thursday, the 10th inst., by Bro. R. Atkins, P.M., Preceptor.

A chapter in connection with the Lodge of Amity, No. 171, is to be consecrated at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday next, by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Comp. Joseph Clever is the M.E.Z. designate, and Comps. Louis Hirsch and Robert Berridge will fill the chairs of H. and J. respectively.

The Chelmer Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 342, was consecrated at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., and D.P.G.M. East Anglia, being the Consecrating Officer, while the Prov. Grand Officers gave their assistance. Bro. J. Pearce Lewin was afterwards installed W.M. Particulars are held over until next week.

A testimonial, in the shape of his portrait in oils, handsomely framed, was presented to Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.M. and Treasurer, as well as one of the founders of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge. The presentation was made on behalf of the lodge by Bro. J. Brockett Sorrell, W.M. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

THE MONTEFIORE CENTENARY. — The Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., has signified his intention to be present at the representative Masonic banquet on Monday, the 27th inst., in celebration of the completion of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore's hundredth year. The anniversary will be similarly honoured on the part of the Jewish Courts of the Ancient Order of Foresters ("Sons of Israel," "Sons of Abraham," "Shield of David," "Solomon's Temple," and "Earl Grey"), by a dinner to be held on the same evening at the Jewish Working Men's Club and Institute, at which Mr. Samuel Montagu, President of the Institute, will occupy the chair.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Seymour Smith's Annual Benefit Concert will be held at the South Place Institute, South Place, Moorgate-street, E.C., on Saturday next, the 18th inst. We judge from the programme—copy of which we have been favoured with—that Bro. Seymour Smith has a rare treat in store for his very numerous circle of friends and well-wishers. He has secured a strong array of talent, both vocal and instrumental, and we doubt not there will be a large attendance to do honour to the occasion.

The Albion Tavern, in Aldersgate-street, famous for its City banquets, has been entirely re-decorated. The ball-room on the second floor has been thoroughly cleansed and decorated, special attention having been devoted to the ceiling. On the first floor the rooms have been handsomely decorated in Pompeian style, which is certainly very effective. The general arrangements have been thoroughly overhauled, and made as complete as possible.

In order to remove any doubts that may exist as to the days of meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, we may state that the session commenced on Tuesday, the 17th inst., and that the meetings will be continued weekly on Tuesday, at the hour of 6.30 p.m. Any further information that may be needed can be obtained of Comp. F. Brown, S.E. and Preceptor.

Bro. the Rev. Charles E. Mayo, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. Herts, and J.W. Gresham Lodge, No. 869, has been honoured with letters from the Queen and Prince of Wales, in which they very graciously acknowledged receipt of the copies severally forwarded to them of the History of Cheshunt Great House, by Bro. F. D. R. Copestick, where Bro. the Rev. C. Mayo resides, and the Gresham Lodge holds its meetings.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 26th inst. at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, held at the Rising Sun, corner of Globe-road, E. Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, the eminent East-end Preceptor, has kindly consented to preside, and will be supported by many brethren of established repute as Section workers. Brethren are cordially invited, and are promised a Masonic treat. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock sharp.

FREEMASONRY IN WEST LANCASHIRE. — The annual convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Province of West Lancashire will be held at the Masonic Hall, on the 16th inst., when the R.W.P.G.S., the Earl of Lathom, will preside. On the same day a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency will be held to pass the altered bye-laws, so as to render them uniform with the revised Constitutions; and the opportunity will probably be taken of presenting the memorial portrait of the R.W.P.G.M. to his lordship.

The Supreme Council A. and A. Rite for England, Wales, &c., will hold their usual meeting at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday next, the 15th inst. The agenda paper contains a fair amount of work to be achieved, and Bro. Charles H. Driver, 31°, will be received into the Grand Consistory of S.P.R.S., 32°, and Bros. R. I. Finmore, and Rev. T. W. Lemon, 30°, into the Sovereign Tribunal of G.I.I.C., 31°. There are 18 candidates for the 30°. The receptions into the 32° and 31° are fixed for 2.45 and 3.45 p.m. respectively. A dinner will afterwards be held at the Café Royal at 7 p.m.

The *Citizen* of last Saturday contained a long and interesting sketch of Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, from which it appears that the Hanson family have been more or less prominently connected with civic affairs for the last century and a half, or thereabouts. Our distinguished brother, though he has attained such high rank in the first municipality of the world, has not, it seems, yet reached his fiftieth year. He was educated at Rugby and Trinity College, Cambridge, and is thus a man of culture, as well as a man of business, and we trust the day is not far distant when he will still further add to the many distinctions which his merits have secured for him.

The installation meeting of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, took place on Wednesday last at the Inns of Court Hotel, when the retiring W.M., Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, ably installed his successor, Bro. Dr. Capon. Bro. Festa reported that the arrangements for forming a new chapter in connection with the lodge were completed, and it was resolved that the petition be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. forthwith. In the event of the petition being granted, of which there can be no doubt, R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Dorset, will be the first M.E.Z.; Bro. G. P. Festa, P.M. 1900, H.; and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, J.

Bro. James Glaisher presided at the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the Harrow District Gas Company, held on Tuesday at the Guildhall Tavern. In moving the adoption of the report, in which the payment of a dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum was recommended, the Chairman regretted the directors' inability to reduce the price of gas. He had nothing to fear as to the future of gas, and if the gas companies would only strive to improve the method of production, and reduce the price of gas to the consumer, the electric light companies would find it a very difficult task to compete with them. The report was adopted.

The Southampton Masonic Benevolent Association has issued its ninth annual report. The Committee notice with regret that the office of President of the Association and also that of Trustee, have become vacant by the lamented death of W. Bro. W. Hickman, P.M. 130, 359, and 394, and D.P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. They give the list of life members and subscribers, and show the amounts received and expended during the past year. They received a donation of 10 guineas from the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, 359; another of five guineas from the Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130; and the names of Bro. H. Webb, S.W. 359, and W. Bro. J. Blount Thomas, P.M. 130, have been added to the list of life members by those lodges. During the year there had been six applicants for benevolent grants, five widows of brethren of Lodge 394 being granted £5 each, and a brother of Lodge 130 £10. The capital of the Association, including £101 15s. saved during the past year, now reaches £1303 7s. 6d., of which £1200 is invested at interest.

£50 to £500.—Tobaccoists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4,—1/, 14 stamps. [Advvt.]

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