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Consecration of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201. **TO-DAY (Friday)** Brighton will be the scene of an interesting Masonic ceremony, in which for the first time since his installation in office as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, the Duke of CONNAUGHT will take the principal part. The ceremony we allude to will be that of consecrating the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, so named in honour of his Royal Highness, and will take place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, and when it is completed Bro. GERARD FORD, D.P.G.M. Sussex, will be installed as the first W.M. We anticipate that everything will pass off satisfactorily, and we trust the high expectations formed as to the future of the new lodge will be fully realised.

The Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. It seems there are some 160 Stewards for the 19th Anniversary Festival of this Fund on Wednesday next, the 20th inst.—not as, by a clerical error, we were made to say last week, on the 27th instant—and that the prospect of a generous response being made to Bro. Earl Amherst's appeal for funds is reasonably good. We trust it may turn out to be in fact, what it seems to be in prospect, and that next week we shall have the privilege of recording the highest total of subscriptions ever yet announced at the Anniversary of this Fund.

The R.M.I. for Girls. **NEXT** week there will be published in our columns the first instalment of the "History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." It is intended as a memorial of the Centenary of the School, and will be written by Bro. G. B. ABBOTT, at whose disposal the Secretary has very courteously placed the Minute Books and other official archives of the Institution for purposes of consultation and reference. The history will be continued week by week, and will be a companion to the Histories of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution by the same writer.

Our American Guests. **FRIDAY**, the 22nd inst., is to be a "high time" for the English Rosicrucians, the Metropolitan College, of which the R.W. Frater ROBERT ROY is the Master, having decided to entertain M.W. Frater C. E. MEYER, S.M. of the United States, and other distinguished Rosicrucians, who will then be on a visit to this country. Dr. WOODMAN, S.M. of England, Bro. HUGHAN, Past S.S.M., and other "Rosicrucian Lights," have promised to attend, so that this reception bids fair to be one of the most important of the many to be tendered our respected American guests. The assembly is to be held in the Masonic Hall, 16A, Great Queen-street, and the banquet is to be served at the Holborn Restaurant. There is no lack of business, according to the agenda paper issued by Frater Dr. W. WYNN WESTCOTT, the honorary Secretary.

Concurrent Jurisdiction. **OUR** worthy contemporary, the *Canadian Craftsman*, appears to have been somewhat amused at the expression—"the beauties of concurrent jurisdiction"—we used in one of our articles on the Quebec question a few months since, and to which we referred incidentally last week. Possibly the language may have been a little too ornate, or more likely still, the idea we sought to convey by it may have been so entirely strange that our Canadian friend had no other course open than to treat it with a little ridicule of the mild and inoffensive order. We have no objection to this mode of dealing with a statement of fact. It betrays a certain vacuity of mind on the part of our contemporary that it should laugh at what it does not understand, but clearly that is no fault of ours. Let it laugh as it will, there is not a Colony or Dependency of the British Crown, in which the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, exercise concurrent jurisdiction, but that the beauties are as patent as the jurisdiction itself. The brethren under the three Constitutions work together in perfect harmony. When a question of procedure or of law arises, it is settled off-hand amicably. So that but for the differences of system which exist, it might be imagined that the English, Irish, and Scotch lodges owed and paid allegiance to one and the same Supreme authority. In Bombay the English District Grand Lodge and the Scottish Grand Lodge of all India are on the best of terms, meeting in the same Hall, exchanging courtesies on every possible occasion, and assisting each other whenever the occasion may seem

to demand assistance. In Victoria the harmony is so complete, that the three jurisdictions are presided over by the same brother—Sir W. CLARKE, Bart.—who is District Grand Master for England and Scotland and Prov. Grand Master for Ireland. Even in Nova Scotia, which has a Grand Lodge of its own, while there is one English lodge remaining in its original allegiance, it is not so very long since Bro. Major-General LAURIE, at the time Grand Master of Nova Scotia, was in the habit of visiting, in company with his Grand Officers, the said English lodge, and he expressed his opinion that by its presence within the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia "a healthy emulation" was "promoted," and both parties were "the better for it." In all these instances "the beauties of concurrent jurisdiction" are so manifest that we need not apologise for being somewhat proud of them. Yet, if the *Canadian Craftsman* wishes it, we are prepared to believe that what was possible in Canada, when the Grand Lodge of that name presided over Freemasonry in the whole of that part of the present Dominion, and what is possible now in Nova Scotia, in Western India, in Victoria, and elsewhere, is so ridiculously absurd as to be quite out of the question in the Province of Quebec. In that case, however, we must be pardoned if we do not think very highly of Freemasonry as it is interpreted by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which has made it impossible for the lodges of two branches of the same system "to dwell together in unity."

The G.L. of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. **THE** report of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India for the past year is highly satisfactory in all respects. Returns have been received from the majority of the lodges, and these show a slight increase in the number of subscribing members as compared with 1885, while two new lodges, the "Lyon," No. 735, and the "Royal Jubilee," No. 742, have been placed on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Master, Bro. Capt. HENRY MORLAND, reports having visited every lodge in Bombay but one, which he was prevented attending by unavoidable circumstances, and the Depute Grand Master, Bro. J. Y. LANG, had visited the Calcutta lodges, where the welcome accorded to him was of a most enthusiastic character. A fitting tribute of respect is paid by the Grand Master to the memory of the late Bro. JAMES GIBBS, Past D.G.M. Bombay, and Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, and it is announced that a new edition has been issued of the Book of Constitutions. Financially, the Society appears to be in a very prosperous position. The General Fund shows a total of receipts, including a balance of 2000 rupees brought forward from previous account, amounting to upwards of 6487 rupees, the expenditure being slightly in excess of 4175 rupees, and the balance remaining in hand over 2312 rupees. The Fund of Benevolence has a capital of 13,400 rupees, lucratively invested, the amounts expended during the year being—for "the education and maintenance of orphans," 840 rupees; 560 rupees for the relief of widows; and 590 rupees for the relief of necessitous brethren; while the expenses of administration were under 33 rupees. The Hall Fund Account is equally gratifying, the amount received during the year in respect of rent being 8257 rupees, and the balance in favour of the Hall Committee somewhat in excess of 6500 rupees, or rather more than the balance to the goodwill which the year opened. We must congratulate our Scottish brethren in India on the exemplary condition of the Craft under their Constitutions, as well as on the evidence furnished by the concluding paragraph of the report—"Our relations with the sister Constitution continue to be of the most fraternal character"—that it is quite possible for lodges under two different Constitutions to work together harmoniously.

The Inigo Jones MS. **WE** anticipate that Bro. Dr. BEGEMANN's remarkable article on the "So-called INIGO JONES MS." is being carefully studied by our English experts, and that soon one or more of them will be in a position to either support or object to the theory advocated so ably and persistently by the brother referred to. This is, beyond question, a "time of trial" for all documents relating to the Fraternity, and whilst it is true that some have nobly stood the ordeal, and even come out of the "fire" older than they were previously supposed to be—notably the "COOKE MS.," now referred to *early* 15th century—others have certainly suffered not a little through the examination. Bros. HUGHAN and GOULD, who have made the "Old Charges of British Freemasons" their special study, were probably aware of what may be termed Dr. BEGEMANN's theory; but to all our other readers we anticipate that the publication of his opinion of the "INIGO JONES MS." has come upon them as a surprise, and that they would hail with satisfaction the publication of any facts which favour its 17th origin. Already it has been lowered from 1607 to a period near that of 1670, but now it is claimed for 1725, or thereabouts, and declared to be "a falsification—nothing else." Well, if it is of 1725, let it be so agreed; but meanwhile we await criticism on the subject, and are not inclined to the later date at present, though we are bound to admit that the arguments and statements relied upon by Dr. BEGEMANN are very weighty and most destructive of the

earlier date of 1607, though we are not yet convinced they apply with equal force to 1670-80. Students will be aware that the "INIGO JONES MS." was acquired by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD (who has for so many years been one of the leading authorities in that department), and now adorns the Masonic Library of the Province of Worcester.

The Plymouth
Masonic
Exhibition.

THE Masonic Exhibition at Plymouth is now numbered with the past, but will long be remembered by those who were privileged to visit it for the several attractive features of the Collection. Bro. HUGHAN has kindly promised to write an article on the exhibits, similar to the one he favoured us with for the Shanklin Exhibition of 1886, and then those brethren who were unable to attend will be enabled to judge of the character and extent of the fifth of the series of Masonic Exhibitions. The catalogues of the five may still be obtained from their several editors—Bros. WHYTEHEAD, TAYLOR, GREENHAM, and HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge held its annual festival at Dartford, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. the Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master, and right well did our Dartford brethren receive his lordship and their guests generally in their ancient and loyal town. The streets through which the brethren had to pass to arrive at the Bull Hotel, where the lodge was held, were literally alive with gaily-coloured bunting; while floral decorations and triumphal arches added a rare and picturesque charm most gratifying to the eye. There was a magnificent arch in Hythe-street, having the arms of the Amherst family emblazoned on a crimson banner, and the mottoes "A Kentish Welcome to our Grand Master;" "Loyalty, Charity, and Benevolence;" and "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." There was also a fine arch just outside the railway station with the motto, "Dartford Greets Lord Amherst."

The entertaining lodge was the Emulation, No. 299, and the lodge-room decorations were exceedingly pretty and effective. It was newly carpeted, and displayed the handsome lodge banner over the Prov. G. Master's chair, while flags, flowers, and pretty devices fluttered from the walls in graceful folds or hung from corners in picturesque and graceful festoons.

Upon the arrival of the Prov. G. Master he was received by the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and ushered to his seat on the dais, and after opening Grand Lodge he was saluted with the usual honours. Bro. James S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., was also saluted with honours befitting his rank.

The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting having been confirmed, Bro. B. K. THORPE, P.M. 709, was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer, and returned thanks. After the roll had been called and acknowledged by the representatives of the lodges present, various sums were voted to the Charity funds of several lodges in the province, and then his lordship appointed and invested his officers as follows:—

- Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, B.D., F.H.S., P.M. 1837 Prov. S.G.W.
- Henry Penfold, M.D., P.M. 1174 Prov. J.G.W.
- Rev. Thos. S. Curteis, M.A., P.M. 1414 Prov. S.G. Chap.
- Rev. C. E. Shirley Woolmer, M.A., P.M. 1209... .. Prov. J.G. Chap.
- B. K. Thorpe, P.M. 709, P.G.S.B. Eng. Prov. G. Treas.
- Alfred Spencer, P.M. 1063, P.G.S.B. Eng. Prov. G. Sec.
- Henry Harris Green, P.M. 709 Prov. G. Reg.
- John Brock, P.M. 299 Prov. S.G.D.
- Arnaud Wm. Duret, P.M. 1223 Prov. S.G.D.
- Edward Monckton, P.M. 1678 Prov. J.G.D.
- George Frederick Carnell, P.M. 1414 Prov. J.G.D.
- George Friend, P.M. 1725 Prov. G.S. of W.
- George Barton, P.M. 1915 Prov. G.D.C.
- Walter Downing, P.M. 20 Prov. D.G.D.C.
- Henry Bond, P.M. 1314 Prov. A.G.D.C.
- Henry Chambers, P.M. 1096 Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- Joseph Knott, P.M. 1242... .. Prov. G. Std. Br.
- William Carter, P.M. 1446 Prov. G. Std. Br.
- Joseph Plant, P.M. 31 (reappointed) Prov. G. Org.
- Richard Pledge, P.M. 1426 Prov. A.G. Sec.
- W. Greig, W.M. 299 Prov. G. Purst.
- J. R. Behenna, P.M. 1531 Prov. A.G. Purst.
- John Charles Biggs, P.M. 77 } Prov. G. Stwds.
- Frederick Wm. Underdown, P.M. 133 }
- Thos. F. Solly, P.M. 784 }
- William Wells Woodruff, P.M. 1206 }
- Clement Cutbert Walter, P.M. 1208... .. }
- George Kennedy, P.M. 1536 }
- Eastley } Prov. G. Tyler.

It was then unanimously resolved, on the motion of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. WM. RUSSELL, P.M. 77, P.P.S.G.D.—"That the sum of one thousand guineas be subscribed by the lodges and brethren of the province for the purpose of purchasing a perpetual presentation to the Girls' School, no individual subscription to exceed one guinea; and, further, that the sum of fifty guineas be given from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the above fund, should it be necessary."

The Prov. G.M., D.P.G.M., Prov. G. Sec., and Prov. G. Treas. were nominated trustees to the above fund, and the idea was enthusiastically received by all present.

The lodge was then called off, and the brethren proceeded to the parish church, where the Prov. S.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. T. S. CURTEIS, preached a short sermon from the 4th Chapter of Exodus, part of verse 21—"What mean these stones?"

At the conclusion of the service a collection was made, amounting to £11, which was divided between the Dartford National Schools and the Masonic Charities.

On returning to Provincial Grand Lodge votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. Watts, rector of Dartford, for the use of the church, and to Bro. Curteis for his sermon; and then the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ancient form.

The banquet was held at the new Conservative Hall—kindly lent for the occasion—and was splendidly served by Mrs. Bray, proprietress of the Bull Hotel, upwards of 200 hundred brethren being present. Here, again, the

taste of the brethren decorators showed conspicuous; a handsome bank of ferns and flowers sloped from the platform down to the body of the hall in many coloured undulations, the walls being hung with flags of all nations. The front of the gallery was beautifully draped, and in it a stringed band, who played selections during dinner. Directly the cloth was cleared, the band vacated the gallery, and it was soon filled by a number of elegantly dressed ladies, who appeared to take great interest in the proceedings, and certainly enjoyed them.

Among the other brethren present were—

- Bros. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., P.G.S.B. Eng.; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., P.G. S.B. Eng.; T. S. Warne, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.M. 1837, P.P.G. Chap.; G. L. Hart, P.M. 558, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M. 913, P.P.S.G.D.; Dr. F. Spurrell, P.M. 1973, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Sadler, P.M. 2148; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. Langton, P.J.G.W. Surrey; E. Terry, P.M. 29; Capt. W. Weston, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.S.B.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; E. Denton, P.M. 913, P.P.J.G.D. Kent; R. Atkins, P.G.R.; G. Adamson, P.M. 199, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Gore, P.M. 829, P.P.G.P.; T. Hastings, P.M. 829, P.P.G.P.; J. Parsons, P.M. 829, P.P.G.O.; J. W. Penton, P.M. 133, P.P. A.G.D.C.; H. Chandler, P.M. 1096, P.P.G. Stwd.; H. Black, P.M. 1273, P.P.A.G. D.C.; J. R. Foord, P.M. 503, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Gosby, P.M. 1436, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Moncrief, P.M. 1678, P.P.G. Stwd.; E. Stewart, P.M. 299, P.P.G.P.; P. Montague, P.M. 743; W. Kipps, P.M. 1531, P.P.G. Org.; E. Hire, P.M. 125, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wyer, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Watson, P.M. 1050, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Burley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Hodgkin, P.W. 874, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Elers, P.M. 874, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Simmons, P.M. 1107, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Michael, P.M. 1107, P.P. G.P.; R. Derry, P.M. 158, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Penny, P.M. 1089, P.P.A.G.S.; J. Jewell, P.M. 1223, P.P.G. Org.; H. Mason, P.M. 913; E. Allen, W.M. 784; T. Walker, P.M. 483; R. Duttrel, P.M. 1223; W. Moulds, P.M. 1536; J. Birch, W.M. 1223; E. Tomkins, P.M. 299; W. Newbold, P.M. 426; C. C. Potter, P.M. 299; H. Doughtely, P.M. 483; G. Baker, W.M. 503; J. W. Court, P.M. 1096; G. Friend, P.M. 1725; J. Abrey, P.M. 1678; R. Stevenson, P.M. 2200; W. Hammond, W.M. 874; C. Walter, P.M. 1208; F. Nicholls, P.M. 1050; C. Craig, 1223; H. Baldry, W.M. 1692; W. Ife, P.M. 166; W. Carter, P.M. 288; J. S. Lovell, P.M. 709; W. B. Kennett, W.M. 1436; G. W. Mitchell, P.M. 615; G. Chapman, P.M. 27; F. Heman, W.M. 1050; A. Petts, P.M. 558; A. Crane, W.M. 578; Dr. J. Elliott, W.M. 1973; A. H. Bate- man, P.M. 1973; E. H. Rolfe, W.M. 2147; L. Crawford, W.M. 217; J. Waddell, W.M. 1537; W. Roupell, P.M. 1464; W. Wise, P.M. 1063; J. Cavell, W.M. 1343; G. R. Bolton, W.M. 1314; G. Green, P.M. 138; J. Knott, P.M. 1424; J. Ranger, W.M. 184; P. Jones, P.M. 1837; G. Barton, P.M. 1915; E. Strange, P.M. 2200; T. Anty, W.M. 158; A. Briggs, P.M. 1050; G. Smith, S.W. 2041; W. Sparrowhawk, S.W. 1223; G. Bussey, S.W. 199; J. King, S.W. 1692; C. Mears, S.W. 1076; T. Finch, S.W. 1314; W. T. Hunt, S.W. 1531; W. Perry, S.W. 1436; W. Doddrell, S.W. 615; G. Goble, S.W. 1273; A. Ronaldson, S.W. 483; W. Willis, J.W. 299; F. F. Baker, J.W. 503; W. Hollis, J.W. 1531; H. Morris, J.W. 1273; T. Knight, J.W. 829; W. Hayward, J.W. 483; T. Heaps, Secretary 1973; E. Elverston, S.D. 1314; C. Powling, D.C. 1472; W. Harper, D.C. 554; F. Bush, S.D. 1837; L. Ledger, J.D. 1343; F. Burton, J.D. 299; F. Mitchell, D.C. 77; G. Stevenson, S.D. 2148; R. Dare, 299; W. Allen, 784; W. Pascoe, Org. 1223; F. Carter, 14; S. Vanor, 184; C. R. Wind, 2046; J. Bussey, 199; A. Bovey, 387; E. White, 31; W. Carter, 1449; A. Hiscock, 1343; H. Sharpe, 1223; L. Levey, 1766; W. Roots, 1273; J. Cowin, 376; W. Bage, 1837; R. Easley, 184; R. Thompson, 1050; A. Smith, 503; G. W. Knight, G. Cock, 158; H. R. Gibbins, 793; J. Hills, E. Lawson, 1915; G. Ham, 972; J. Cooke, 709; S. Brice, 1050; W. Walden, 49; C. Jolly, P.M. 913; and others.

The first toast was that of "The Queen and the Craft," and in giving it, the PROV. G. MASTER said that as loyal Englishmen and loyal Masons, he did not think it was more than necessary to bring it to their notice; therefore, without a word of preface, he should ask them to do honour to it.

The toast was drunk heartily with cheers, the brethren singing the chorus of the National Anthem heartily.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," followed. The PROV. G. MASTER said H.R.H. was so deservedly popular, and had done so much for the Craft, that it was impossible for any gathering of Masons to assemble without receiving his name with all the honour, love, and respect that it was entitled to. He wished that all those and every Mason in England could have been present at the recent magnificent gathering at the Albert Hall and heard "God Save the Queen" sung in one grand chorus; they would have been moved at the loyalty and deep feeling shown by every one, not only to his Royal Highness, but to their beloved Sovereign also. There was a good array of Kentish Masons there on that occasion, as there were on the present, and he felt sure that not one in that room would do otherwise than drink the health of his Royal Highness most heartily.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed the toast of "The M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said they always drank that toast with a great deal of pleasure and cordiality in the Province of Kent. There were four Grand Officers present, and he should ask the two Kentish brethren to respond, reserving an opportunity for the two London brethren to speak later on. His Royal Highness, their Grand Master, had, as most of them were aware, lately conferred past rank upon a number of good Masons, and he was glad to say among that number were two good Kentish Masons. (Loud and continued cheering.) He never was better pleased in his life than when he heard that those two brethren were nominated for Grand honours, for he felt that it was no undeserved reward for good and valuable services. As they were no doubt aware to whom he alluded, he should couple their names with the toast—Bros. Thorpe and Spencer. (Great cheering.)

Bro. SPENCER, in responding, said that as that was the first time he had to respond for such an important toast, he trusted they would excuse him if he did not do justice to it. He looked upon it as a very great honour to occupy such an honourable position, but certainly did not look upon it as a reward for his poor services, or for any especial good that he had done, but as a desire on the part of the Grand Master to do honour through him to the Province of Kent. (No, no.) It was kind of them to say so, but it was their own Grand Master who had placed him in the official office he held in the province. And he could not help thinking that it was meant as an honour to the province more than to himself, and especially as some deference to their beloved Prov. Grand Master. (Loud cheers.) He felt that there was a reciprocity of feeling between him and the brethren of the province, and trusted it might long continue. For those Grand Masons and eminent men with whom his name had been associated, Bros. Lords Carnarvon and Lathom, all he could say was that they, by their devotion to the best interests of Freemasonry, had won the warmest regard of every Mason under the English Constitution, and he knew that there was not a brother in the province that did not have for them the warmest attachment and the most devoted loyalty. For himself, he heartily thanked them for their kind reception of the toast.

Bro. THORPE said their brother Secretary had responded so eloquently for the toast that it left him nothing to say. He was indebted to their kindness for the position he held, for if they had not elected him so many times to the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer his Royal Highness would most

probably never have heard of him, and certainly not given him Past Grand rank. (Cheers and laughter.) He could assure them that it was most gratifying, and he could not do more than express his heartfelt gratitude for their long continued confidence.

Bro. CUMMINGS then rose to propose the toast of "The R.W. the Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Kent," and directly he mentioned the object of his rising he was met with such a tempest of applause that he had to desist for some minutes. When he could go on he said he could see that there was no occasion for him to make a speech, or to say a single word in favour of their Prov. Grand Master, but would ask them if it was not a fact that wherever they met their Prov. Grand Master in the province they greeted him with a most hearty and truly Masonic greeting—(hear, hear)—and further, if they were not proud of having such a true nobleman to rule over them. (Yes, and great cheering.) Their Prov. Grand Master was one who by his genuine love for the Craft, and the bright example he showed in every moral and social virtue, had endeared himself to all, and wherever he was known he was loved, honoured, and respected. Now, there was one way in which they could show how they were animated towards him far more than by saying so, and that was to make the grand scheme proposed by him that day in Provincial Grand Lodge a grand success. (Cheers.) Never could they forget that memorable year when his lordship presided over the Festival of the Boys' School when the sum of over £23,000 was subscribed, and he felt sure that if they would only do their endeavour the 1000 guineas proposed to be raised would be raised, and be a lasting memorial of their desire to prove their affection to their Prov. Grand Master by deeds as well as by words. (Loud cheers.) He asked them to drink to the toast, and wish that God might spare their Prov. Grand Master for many years to live and rule over them in the Province of Kent.

The PROV. G. MASTER, who was enthusiastically cheered on rising, after a few preliminary observations, said there were a good many people who did not care for the good opinions of their fellow creatures, but he was not so cold-blooded, and did hope and trust that, as time went on, he should so conduct himself that their kind feelings and good wishes would ever continue the same as then, for it would be otherwise a hard thing for him ever to lose that love and respect which he believed they had for him, and which he could assure them was, and ever would be, so dear to him. (Cheers.) During the past year he had consecrated two new lodges, and would shortly have to consecrate another. Some years ago he thought that there was hardly room in the province for more lodges, but, like the shillings put in a full glass, there always seemed room for one more. His first enquiry, when the petition for a new lodge came before him, was "how will this effect the lodges in the neighbourhood?" because he did not want to see the old lodges injured by new ones, and if he found that it would not injure but would re-inforce the strength of the province fairly, then he consented to its being founded, as it not only increased their strength, but also their powers for Charity in the province. They liked to belong to the province, and rejoiced in its progress, and he trusted the time would be long before anyone else had to respond to the toast. All that he could do for the prosperity of the province he would do, and he assured them of his cordial sympathy and desire for the welfare and happiness of the brethren. (Loud and continued cheering.)

The PROV. G. MASTER then proposed "The V.W. Bro. James Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M." He said it was a toast that was generally drunk with unmingled feelings of pleasure, but on the present occasion he proposed it with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret; pleasure because it was a great satisfaction to him to know that he should still have the invaluable services of Bro. Eastes at his right hand in the province, and regret at the heavy domestic affliction that had so recently befallen that good and excellent brother. He had received a most touching letter from Bro. Eastes in response to a letter of condolence sent him from their preliminary meeting at Canterbury, but on account of the presence of Bro. Eastes at Grand Lodge he (the P.G.M.) thought it best to treat it "sub silentio," so as not to again open wounds that time alone could heal. It was a most happy hour when, as by an inspiration, he chose Bro. Eastes as his Deputy; the amount of work Bro. Eastes did and the responsibility that fell upon his shoulders was simply enormous; not only was the work onerous, but sometimes delicate. He trusted everyone, in drinking the toast, would ask T.G.A.O.T.U. to grant Bro. Eastes health and strength to support him in his affliction, and that the cloud now over his life would soon pass away.

The toast was drunk with every expression of regret, mingled with hearty good wishes to Bro. Eastes.

The next toast was that of "The Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," and, in giving it, the PROV. G. MASTER said it had been his good fortune to have the best of officers from the first day he himself assumed office, when Bro. Noah Martin carried the sword before him, and took as much care of him as if he was conveying his (Noah's) namesake into the ark. (Cheers and laughter.) He spoke highly of Bro. Cummings and Penfold, the latter of whom, he said, had had a collar before, but one which, in his opinion, did not equal the deserts of Bro. Penfold, either socially or Masonically. Both had worked hard and steadily for Freemasonry in the province, and were examples of what perseverance could attain. He asked them to drink the toast heartily; and would couple with it the names of the Prov. Senior and Junior G. Wardens, who severally returned thanks.

"The Masonic Charities" was the next toast, and in putting it the P.G.M. eloquently dwelt upon the fact that their Order was not a benefit society like the Oddfellows, Foresters, and other provident associations; it was simply a system of morality founded upon certain principles which included Charity among them. He dwelt upon the noble response that a claim from either of the Charities always received from the brethren of the Province of Kent, and felt sure that the 1000 guineas subscription proposed that day would be obtained. He coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Binckes and Terry, both of whom had received Past Grand honours at the meeting at the Albert Hall.

Bro. BINCKES, in the course of a lengthy and brilliant speech, expressed his undying gratitude to Kent for what it had done in the cause of Charity, especially in the year 1884, which would never be forgotten, and which had never been beaten. In that year, under the auspices of their beloved Grand Master, Lord Amherst, over £23,000 was subscribed to the Boys' School. The highest subscribing province being that of the Province of Kent.

Bro. TERRY, in the absence of Bro. Hedges, asked to be allowed to thank their P.G.M. and the brethren for the handsome sum proposed to be subscribed for the Girls' School, and felt sure that it would be doubled when all those desirous of assisting such a grand scheme had sent in their subscriptions. He trusted some day their esteemed Prov. Grand Master would again preside over the Benevolent Institution Festival. He spoke enthusiastically

of the grand results of the Festival in February last, when the handsome sum of £25,000 had been realised. He pleaded hard for the old people, whom no one would adopt, whereas anyone would adopt a boy or a girl. (Laughter and cheers.)

Bros. BEACH and EDWARD TERRY responded for "The Visitors," the latter convulsing the brethren by his humorous manner; he also gave two anecdotes, one in Irish and the other in the Cornish dialect, both exceedingly clever and quaint, and for which he was heartily applauded.

The P.G.M. then gave "The Committee of the Emulation Lodge," and spoke highly of the excellent arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of Prov. Grand Lodge, for which he, and he felt sure every brother present, tendered them their hearty thanks. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. T. Wills, P.M., and P.P.G. Supt. of Works, who, in returning thanks expressed the pleasure and honour it had afforded the brethren of the lodge to have to entertain Prov. Grand Lodge, and assured them that their greatest reward was the kind words expressed by his lordship, and the evident satisfaction of every brother present.

Bro. NOAH MARTIN also responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the control of Bro. J. Kift, Org., and the singers included the Misses Ada Beck and Marion Ellis, and Bros. T. W. Page, W. H. Webb, and J. Kift.

Great praise is due to Bros. F. Snowden, C. Hind, T. Wills, C. C. Potter, and P. Jones, for their invaluable aid in designing and carrying out the decorations, and also to the Entertainment Committee, as follows: Past Masters, E. A. Quait, P.P.G.P.; N. Martin, P.P.G. Sd. Br.; W. C. Fooks, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Tinkler, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. G. Thompson, J. J. Davison, W. Heeley, T. Wills, W. J. Light, E. J. Sears, P.P.S.G.D.; A. W. Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Brock, H. H. McNaull; and Bros. G. B. Chapman, W. Greig, W.M.; F. Snowdon, S.W.; I. Jenkins, J.W.; C. Hind, S.D.; F. Barton, J.D.; T. W. Page, I.G.; G. C. Baker, D.C.; R. S. Howett, Org.; C. C. Potter, Stwd.; and P. Jones, P.M. and Stwd.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Monday at the Masonic Hall, Durham, presided over by Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., assisted by Comps. John Horsley, H., William Coxen, J., and the other officers of Provincial Grand Chapter. There were also present upwards of 100 Principals and Past Principals.

The Treasurer presented his statement of accounts showing a considerable balance in favour of the chapter. The sum of ten guineas was voted towards the Durham Masonic Education Fund. The Principals of the various chapters in the province presented their reports showing a steady increase in the number of members during the past year. Comp. Babbington Boulton was re-elected Treasurer, and Comp. William Coxen and Charles E. Barnes, Auditors.

The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:

Comp. Rev. H. B. Tristram	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. Luck	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Robt. Hudson	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" R. B. Reed	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" F. H. Bennet	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Mitchinson	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. Usher and A. Macdougall	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.
" H. Baumann	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Barker	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. J. Clay	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Hudson	...	...	...	Prov. A.C.D.C.
" James Hudson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. R. Patteson	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" John Brown	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

REVIEW.

FINAL NOTICE.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. By Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD. Vol. VI. London: Thomas C. Jack, 45, Ludgate Hill. 1887.

It is not necessary we should add much more to the remarks we have already made on the concluding volume of Bro. Gould's History. Its most interesting chapter—to English-speaking Masons, at least—is the one we dealt with last week on "Freemasonry in the United States of America," and, as we have said already, in our opinion, it only needed that Bro. Gould should have recognised the full effect of the latest discoveries by Bro. MacCalla as to early Freemasonry in Philadelphia in order to make this chapter acceptable in all respects. What is said about the remaining Grand Lodges, other than those of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, or rather as to the rise and progress of Freemasonry in the remaining States of the Union, is necessarily compendious, but it is sufficient for the purposes of a general history of the Craft in this part of America. It may, perhaps, be suggested that a fuller account should have been given of the Black Masons, with their 31 Grand Lodges and nearly 18,000 members; but we cannot see that any advantage would have resulted had Bro. Gould gone more particularly into the subject. Perhaps, too, it will be thought that he should have said more about the Morgan affair in 1826, and the cloud under which Freemasonry remained in consequence during the following ten years. But those who hold this opinion appear to lose sight of the fact that the Morgan controversy was political rather than Masonical in its character, and that any one would have answered the purposes of Tweed and his party equally as well as that which the mysterious disappearance of Morgan provided them with. This point is noted by Bro. Gould in the brief reference he makes to the subject.

The same may be said as to the chapter devoted to "The Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland." Bro. Gould traces clearly enough the course of Freemasonry in British North America, and had he gone beyond the limits he has imposed upon himself, he would have found he was dealing with matters which are of local rather than of general interest. Those who wish for an outline of Canadian Masonic history as a constituent part of the general history of the Craft will find all the leading facts noted in Bro. Gould's Chapter XXXII.; those who are desirous of carrying their inquiries further must look to other sources of information.

Much need not be said as to the Appendix. Bro. Gould in his "Introductory Note" says: "The demands upon the text have been so great, that I am compelled to bring the Appendix within much narrower limits than I had intended. This will necessitate the omission of some original matter; of a quantity of extracts from ancient records; and, lastly, of many explanatory references. These, however, I hope may be given in due season in a further or supplementary volume." Under these circumstances, it is no more than just that any criticism on matters of omission which might have occurred to us should be held over for the present. The Appendix, as it is, is valuable. It contains, in the first place, the Addenda and Corrigenda, which were inevitable in writing such an elaborate history; and, in the next, it places within reach "the only two" of that very numerous family of "Masonic Catechisms"—of which the value as exposures of Masonry is so well known to Masons—which are "not accessible to the general reader." The later of the two, bearing date 1725—Bro. Gould explaining that it was really printed in 1724—has appended "an interesting account of the Gormogons, which is reprinted from *the only known copy in existence*, at present in the Dresden Royal Library, through the courteous assistance of Dr. W. Begemann, of Rostock." These two reprints make the Appendix, even as it is, a most interesting portion of the concluding volume, and enlarge our regret that Bro. Gould has not been able to include all that he intended to add by way of supplement.

A "General Index," which, as far as we have had an opportunity of testing it, appears to have been compiled with more than ordinary care, is appended, so that the reader who is desirous of consulting Bro. Gould's History on any particular subject will have no difficulty in discovering at once the portion of it to which he must refer.

We have now completed our task. We have gone through the several parts of Bro. Gould's work with a sincere desire to pass an impartial judgment upon its merits. The points about which we may have felt it our duty to differ with him have been few in number, and whenever such a case has arisen we have done our best to place his opinions in the clearest possible light before our readers, so that they might be in a position to judge fairly and squarely between us. If we have fallen short in our efforts to deal worthily with a History of such magnitude, and so incomparably superior to every other work of its kind, it has been for no lack of goodwill on our part. The range of his inquiries has been so vast, that it has not always been an easy task to follow him. But we have expressed no opinion, whether in agreement or disagreement, hastily, and nothing has given us so much pleasure as when we have held—as we have done in the great majority of the questions that have arisen—that his views were acceptable without demur, or, at all events, were preferable to those we had met with elsewhere. It is a grand work, this History of Bro. Gould's, and if it is not entirely free from blemish, it is, in respect of its completeness and accuracy, as we have already pointed out, immeasurably above and beyond any previous history of the Craft that has been written. Though we are not in the habit of indulging in prophecy, it is our belief that many and many a generation must pass ere the Freemason, in search of knowledge as regards the history of our Fraternity, will meet with any guide so generally trustworthy as Bro. Gould.

THE SO CALLED INIGO JONES MS. OF THE OLD CHARGES OF BRITISH FREEMASONS.

BY DR. W. BEGEMANN

(Continued from page 383).

"To hold every year an Assembly where they would within the Realm once a year; this combination of "every year" and "once a year" only in the Grand Lodge MS., whilst "every year" is not in the Wilson and Edinburgh-Kilwinning MSS., and also not in the Inigo Jones MS.

"That all old Masons and young, that had any Writing or Understanding of the Charges and Manners that were made before in this Land, or any other, that they should bring and shew them. And when it was proved . . . and they were all to one Intent and Purpose;" "bring and shewe" as well as "they were all to one Intente" are only in the Grand Lodge Branch, the words "and Purpose" seeming to be an addition of the compiler.

"Furthermore, at diverse Assemblies, certain Charges have been made and ordained, by the best Advice of Masters and Fellows;" in this manner only in the Grand Lodge Branch.

"The first Charge is, That ye shall be true Men to God and the Holy Church, and that ye use no Error or Heresy by your Understanding or Discretion, but be ye [wise] discreet Men, or Wisemen in each Thing;" in this manner only in the Grand Lodge Branch, the reading of the other copies being quite different; the Inigo Jones MS. has totally altered these charges.

"And all other Councils that ought to be kept by way of Brotherhood;" the word "Brotherhood" is only in the Wilson and Edinburgh-Kilwinning MS., the other copies, also the Grand Lodge MS. itself, having "Masonhood" or "Masonrie."

"Also that no Mason take any Prentice, unless he have sufficient occupation to set him on, or to set three of his Fellows, or two [of them] at the least, on Work;" in this manner only in the Grand Lodge Branch.

I trust these evidences will suffice to prove that the Spencer version is an offshoot or offspring of the Grand Lodge Branch, though degenerated by many quaint and arbitrary alterations, and grafted with a lot of strange scions. And in particular it agrees most with the Wilson and Edinburgh-Kilwinning MSS., as we see from several conformities given above. Also the conclusion is identic, namely: "so help you God and your Hallidom," whilst the Grand Lodge MS. itself adds to this: "and by this book in your hands unto your power." Evidences of the kind could be added in great number, but these will do.

From the differences between the Spencer MS. and the Inigo Jones MS. given above, it is certain that the former cannot be a transcript of the latter.

And also we traced already some particulars that do not allow us to believe the Inigo Jones MS. to be a transcript of the Spencer MS., because the former in these points agrees with the Grand Lodge Branch, and the Spencer MS. has made alterations. I mentioned the fact that the Spencer MS. replaces the name of "Euclid" by the name of "Hermes," where the Inigo Jones MS. has the original name. Besides, we had two more evidences of the Inigo Jones MS. better agreeing with the original version than the Spencer MS. I add another evidence. In the paragraph after the seven liberal sciences the Inigo Jones MS. has a sentence which comes from the original version: "He y^t. buys or sells is by weight or Measure;" in the Spencer MS. these words are omitted. Now, whether the original of the Spencer version may be the Dodd print, I cannot state, because I never saw a copy thereof.

Now I come to another strange peculiarity of the Spencer version. All genuine copies of the Old Charges call Edwin the Son of King Athelston, or Athelstane; the Spencer version has: "Edwin, Brother to King Athelstane (sic Inigo Jones MS. and Cole edition, Spencer MS. has Athelston"), loved Masons much more than his Brother did, and was a great Practizer (sic Inigo Jones MS., in agreement with the Grand Lodge Branch, Spencer MS. and Cole edition having "Practitioner") of "Geometry, &c.," and afterwards once more "Brother" instead of "Father." There is but one possibility, I think, of explaining this fact. The learned Dr. Plot, in his "Natural History of Staffordshire," gives also this passage from "a large parchment volume," adding some remarks on the pretended history of the Craft, and ascertaining that King Athelstan was never married, and had only a Brother Edwin. The compiler of the Spencer version, who must have been somewhat of a learned man, had seen, no doubt, this censure of Dr. Plot, and felt engaged to correct the fault of the Masonic tradition. If that is the case—and it is, no doubt—the pretended antiquity of the Inigo Jones MS. proves to be the more fraudulent, for the book of Dr. Plot was printed in 1686, and the MS. could not have been compiled before this year.

But that is not yet all. There is a last striking resemblance with a print of 1722. This year was published the first printed copy of the Old Charges, entitled, "The Old Constitutions Belonging to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons. London: Printed and Sold by J. Roberts, in Warwick-Lane, MDCCXXII." The book was reprinted in "The Old Constitutions" by Rev. John Edmund Cox, in 1871, and everyone may compare a few passages of the reprint with the corresponding passages in the Spencer version:

ROBERTS' PRINT.

It happen'd presently after the Martyrdom of St. Alban, who is truly term'd England's Proto-Martyr, that a certain King invaded the Land, and destroy'd most of the Natives by Fire and Sword, that the Science of Masonry was much decay'd untill the Reign of King Athelston, etc.

SPENCER VERSION.

It happened presently after the Martyrdom of St. Alban, who is truly termed England's Proto-Martyr, that a certain King invaded the Land, and destroyed most of the Natives by Fire and Sword; that the Science of Masonry was much decayed, untill the Reign of Ethelbert, King of Kent, etc.

Now, there are, it is true, two more copies of the Old Charges that resemble the Roberts' version—the Harleian MS., No. 1942, and the Rawlinson MS.; but they differ from the Roberts' print, especially the Rawlinson MS., wherefore the compiler cannot have taken this passage but from Roberts.

From the same source is the following passage:—

ROBERTS' PRINT.

Note, I pray you, That these Seven are contain'd under Geometry, for it teacheth Mett and Measure, Ponderation and Weight for every Thing in and upon the whole Earth for you to know; that every Craftsman works by Measure; He or She that buys or sells is by Weight or Measure; Husbandmen, Navigators, Planters, and all of them use Geometry; for neither Grammar, Rhetorick, Logick, nor any other of the said Sciences can subsist without Geometry, ergo, most worthy and honourable.

SPENCER VERSION (Inigo Jones MS.)

Note, I pray you, that these Seven are contain'd under Geometry; for it teacheth Mett and Measure, Ponderation and Weight, for every Thing in and upon the whole Earth for you to know; That every Craftsman works by Measure. He . . . y^t. buys or sells is by weight or Measure. Husbandmen, Navigators, Planters, and all of them use Geometry; for neither Grammar . . . Logick, nor any other of the said Sciences, can Subsist without Geometry; ergo, most Worthy and Honourable.

Here also the Harleian and Rawlinson MSS. differ from the Roberts print, the Spencer version agreeing in full with the latter, excepting two slight omissions.

Also the paragraph following is almost verbatim the same as with Roberts, and also here the Inigo Jones MS. agrees more exactly with Roberts than the Spencer MS., which is a new evidence that the Inigo Jones MS. is not a transcript of the Spencer MS., but of another original:—

The two paragraphs then following resemble the corresponding passage in the Melrose MS. in some expressions, as we may see by a comparison—

MELROSE MS.

. . . . And his brother's name was Tuball, he was the father of such as handle ye Harpe and Organe
. . . . Tuball Cain and Instructur of every artificer in Brasse and Iron, and ye sister of Tuball Cain was Naamah

SPENCER VERSION.

His Brother Tubal found the Art of Musick, he was the Father of all such as handle the Harp and Organ.
Tubal-Cain was the Instructur of every Artificer in Brass and Iron, and the Daughter found the Craft (Art, Inigo Jones MS.) of Weaving.

There being no possibility of presuming the compiler to have seen the Melrose MS., and the last sentence ("and the Daughter found the Craft of Weaving") agreeing verbatim with the Grand Lodge Branch, I am inclined to believe that the compiler had a copy of this Branch, wherein he found also the cited passages, which seem to have formed part of the very original version of the Old Charges, for the Melrose MS. is a transcript of a very old MS. of about 1580; and, besides, we find similar passages in the Harris MS. of the Bedford Lodge, which support the probability of my presumption.

The next paragraph on Hermes and his performances in Egypt may have come from Josephus, but I cannot state this at present.

In every case there cannot remain any doubt, that the original of the Spencer version has been compiled later than 1722, the year when the Roberts print was published. Moreover, as the arbitrary insertion of Hiram Abif seems to have been the chief purpose of the compiler, in order to maintain the antiquity of the Hiram legend, the Third Degree having been introduced in 1724, we may say that the original of the Spencer version was fabricated about 1725. It would be useless to look for the compiler—certainly it was not Anderson, as we may easily see from a comparison of his Constitutions of 1723; but Anderson made use of the new version in the Second edition of 1738, when he made Edwin King Athelstan's Brother, whilst in the first edition he called him "the King's youngest Son," most probably from Dr Plot's remarks.

Rostock, Mecklenburg, Germany.

GOULD'S HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.*

Several of my friends and fellow students would like to read a short notice of Bro. Gould's History of Freemasonry, written by myself, and directed mainly to sketch the main features of the work itself, now it is happily completed. The following is offered—in response—as a beginning. More shall follow as time permits.

The story of its origin is soon told. The need of a comprehensive and reliable History of Freemasonry has long been felt by brethren of the "mystic tie," particularly in Great Britain and North America. The more the earlier Books on the Craft were critically studied, the less they were valued, until, in the minds of many, it became almost impossible to separate the facts from their entanglement of legends, fictions and contradictions. Anderson had been dethroned from his lofty and airy pinnacle, Preston was found to be untrustworthy, and Oliver had so mingled truth with fancy that few were able to follow him with confidence. Then Herr Findell came on the scene, and when his able work was translated into English, circulated in Great Britain and North America, and been carefully studied, it was found that it was essentially more for the German Craft than for English speaking Freemasons. Its merits were conspicuous (Mitchell's pretensions but faulty History was set aside in America), and in this country its value was everywhere recognised. Still, it was neither complete nor modern enough for the wants of the British Masonic Student, and the same opinion was generally held in the United States. Much as we were all interested in a scholarly German brother's view of the subject, the advent of Findell increased rather than met the need of a comprehensive and critical History of Freemasonry, and this led the lamented Bro. Thomas Chisholm Jack, of Edinburgh, to look about for a competent and zealous literary Craftsman with the necessary time, facilities and other means at his disposal which would enable him to undertake the almost impossible task of writing such a work. Bro. Robert Freke Gould, on the promise of hearty co-operation from his collaborators (especially Bro. Speth and myself), undertook the duty, and has now finished his herculean labours, to the great satisfaction of the numerous brethren who have gladly assisted him in searching for information, and to the expressed joy of many Craftsmen, at home and abroad, who have now a History of Freemasonry to consult, far ahead of any hitherto published in England or elsewhere, thoroughly comprehensive and independent in character, critical almost to a fault, and accurate to the minutest details.

What the great work has involved, few will ever know, and fewer still adequately appreciate, I fear, but it is at last finished. The first half of the first volume made its debut in 1882, and the concluding portion of the third and last volume appeared quite recently, so that some five years have directly been occupied in its preparation, besides the many previous years of study to qualify—unknowingly—for such an enterprise.

Of course, no one could possibly achieve such labours unassisted, but throughout, Bro. Gould has preserved his independence, and has always held the reins. It is emphatically his History, and to him, and to him alone is the credit due. One pleasing feature has been the number of brethren who have gladly co-operated, but in Europe and America, and indeed in both hemispheres, wherever their aid has been sought, the author having in the most handsome terms acknowledged their assistance, in his parting words, on committing the work as a whole, to the Craft. Of brethren, no one will be surprised to learn that Speth, Woodford, and Rylands, as also myself, are of the number to whom Bro. Gould feels indebted for generous and never failing sympathy and aid, and many are the students else who are enumerated in "L'Envoi," as having from first to last, been only too pleased to place all well attested facts at disposal for the History.

From positive knowledge, I can declare that no probable or even possible source of information has been neglected or overlooked, much valuable time, comparatively speaking, has almost been wasted—because so unfruitful of results save of a negative character—and even quasi Masonic subjects are almost as well represented as actual Masonic evidences, so determined has the author been to render the volumes exhaustive, authentic, and thoroughly comprehensive in character.

In consequence of the extensive and varied aims of the author, a very wide view has been taken of his duty as a Masonic historian to include in his survey, elaborate descriptions and examinations of the Ancient Mysteries, the Essenes, Roman Collegia, and the Culdees, so that much of the earlier chapters make excellent and entertaining reading even for those who are not Masons, similar to the splendid work by Bro. George F. Fort, the "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," which has no equal in his special department. Whilst declining to accept the views which have so long been prevalent as to the origin of Freemasonry, Gould invariably supports his own particular opinion on any controverted or disputed points with the greatest care and thoroughness, it being his desire in all cases to rest no decision on *ex parte* statements, or even his own *ipse dixit*, however well thought out, but on the evidence which is detailed precisely and fully as the work proceeds. So many are the authorities he has had to consult, that the multitudinous references are at times well nigh bewildering to the ordinary reader, but this apparent blemish is in reality one of the chief features and advantages of the work, because the reasons recorded by Gould for opposing or accepting any statements, being based upon the evidences which are duly acknowledged, these can be verified by his readers, and thus the needful confidence is cemented between author and student.

The Craft Guilds of France make an excellent chapter, and form a most attractive division of the first volume. The sketch of the Companionage is

a most welcome contribution, and the curious legends peculiar in part to that Body cannot fail to strike many who may for the first time be brought face to face with their main characteristics. As Gould aptly remarks—"In France we have to do with the following distinct bodies: the Craft Guilds, the Masters' Fraternities, the Journeyman Fraternities, and the Companionage, all working into each other like the cogs of a train of wheels, but all *distinct* pieces of mechanism."

The Chapter on the *Steinmetzen*, or "Stone Measurers of Germany," is a remarkable one, and of special value, not only because of its completeness, but for the translations of various important codes, one of 1563 having been made for the work expressly. The resemblances between the *Steinmetzen* and Freemasonry are so intimate and numerous that it is easy to understand how they have been considered one and the same body. No one, however, will hold that view after reading Chapter III. The three chief lodges at Strassburg, Cologne, and Vienna, have their Masonic counterparts in Edinburgh, Kilwinning and Stirling, Scotland. The authorities, accepted by many, before Gould appeared on the scene, will be found to be untrustworthy. Fallou is fanciful, and Winzer, Schauberg and others must be carefully studied and their statements well tested before acceptance. The fact is Fallou writes more as a novelist than a historian, though much credit is due to him for his researches.

Gould, after most mature deliberation and exemplary and most cautious examination of facts, declines the *Steinmetzen* theory, his decision being that "The cradle of German architectural skill is to be found in the Convents, and not in the organization of the *Steinmetzen* Guild," the latter originating "in the Craft Guilds of the Cities." On this subject Fort should be consulted, so that both sides of the question may be known, and certainly the author spares no pains to do our American brother ample justice, as he well deserves. The Torgau Ordinances of 1462 are of an extraordinary character, the translation being all that could be desired, and evidently Gould is correct in claiming that they were not intended to supplant those of 1459, but mainly elucidatory of several of their clauses.

Chapters II. and XV. on the "Old Charges of British Freemasons," are after my own heart, especially as down to the present time my work on the subject is the only one in the field. Since it was published in 1872, many more copies have been discovered, originals and transcripts now numbering over 50. These are all described, and what is more, for the first time, a comparison has been instituted so that the original text may be settled as far as possible, and reasons discovered for subsequent additions and alterations. The whole of the "Buchanan MS." (from the Grand Lodge) is printed from the copy made by me, and several others are in part, reproduced.

These two Chapters should be read with numbers VI. and VII. on "Mediæval Operative Masonry" and "Statutes relating to the Freemasons," which cover much of the ground down to the seventeenth century, and are simply invaluable. The relation of Gothic architecture, bridge building, &c., to the Masonic Guilds is aptly considered and masterly described, for, beyond question, Gould proves that the Operative Masons had much more to do with the architectural features of the early buildings than is generally supposed.

The difference between statutes and ordinances is clearly pointed out, and the vast superiority of Kloss as an authority is established, though naturally he is not always correct, a few of his errors, *re serf*, &c., being kindly pointed out by Gould, who feels as much admiration for his labours on behalf of the Craft as Speth and myself. The distinction also between "gatherings" (congregations) and "general assemblies" is also noted, every opportunity being utilised to definitely describe and accurately appreciate such nice points. Take, for instance, in Chapter VII. the statements relative to "signs and tokens," in which Gould proves most clearly that *Masonic signs* are not referred to, as Kloss and Findell maintain, but *badges*, as with the other trades.

The date of the "Halliwell MS." is then considered, especially in relation to Kloss, who claims that the statute of 1427 refers that important Masonic document to the fifteenth century; but which document may fairly be dated, a century earlier, as Woodford long ago established on the dictum of Casley's authority, and which Halliwell also favoured. The weighty reasons respecting *Free Mason*, not meaning "*frère Maçon*," commend themselves, to my judgment, and I am personally glad that the defence of the former view is in such good hands.

The several Chapters on "Early British Freemasonry" are models of condensation, thoroughness, and sustained interest. Nothing like them has ever been attempted before, and all previous authors, such as Lyon, Laurie, Anderson, Preston, and others, are all duly cleared out of all they had to say on the subject, the remainder far exceeding their total contributions on that important enquiry. It appears to me impossible to resist the conclusion so ably led up to by Gould that "the Grand Lodges of Great Britain are the direct descendants, by *continuity and absorption*, of the ancient Freemasonry which immediately preceded their institution," the demonstration being such as to require neither dogmatism, on the one hand, nor credulity on the other, for its proof and acceptance respectively.

All the old lodges in Scotland, with records from the 16th century or later, one hundred of which were at work when the Grand Lodge for that country was formed, are faithfully and amply described, their records being made the foundation for the theories, if such they may be termed, so that a reference to these chapters is alone sufficient to establish the antiquity, continuity, and honourable character of Freemasonry. Speculative Masonry back to the year 1600 is abundantly illustrated, the fact of some of these old lodges having a majority of its members, *who were not connected with the building trade*, being brought out in bold relief, and their testimony alone being sufficient to prove that the Grand Lodge of England in 1717 did not introduce the Speculative element for the first time, but only continued what had long been the custom of the Craft.

* See Advertisement in the *Freemason* during the last few weeks; as to the work and terms of subscription.

As to Masonic Degrees, I think we are pretty well agreed, and so for that matter, as to most, if not all, of the many questions treated so ably and exhaustively by *the Masonic Historian of the Craft*.

Chapters IX., X., and XI. on Masons' Marks, the Quatuor Coronati, and the Apocryphal MSS. are written so pleasantly as to lead us to desire more, and, as the volumes run on, that feeling is accentuated, for the condensation increases to such an extent, that one feels, extensive as the work is, the author is much cramped for space and could easily have filled another volume of 500 pages, as the facts were developed, classified, and duly detailed.

Freemasonry in England, for the first time, receives ample justice, and though it must be admitted that as respects Lodge Records we fall far short of our Scottish neighbour, yet the many copies of the "Old Charges"—of which the Scottish versions are copies—and the numerous references to Free Carpenters, Free Sewers, &c., as well as the Records of the Masons' Company, for the first time described, render the English portions of great value and abiding interest. The legend of the Craft, on the strength of the Halliwell MS. is taken back to Henry III., and the initiation of Ashmole in 1646, of Holme, and others, so graphically illustrated by Rylands, and utilised by Gould for this part of the work, prove that there is no lack of evidence, apart from Plot, of Masonic activity in England during the seventeenth century, during which period it is shown that there is no proof that more than a single degree—*i.e.*—a secret form of reception—was known to and practised by the Craft.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland is treated as its undoubted antiquity deserves, and York (with its old Lodge and Grand Lodge) is well cared for, several of the invaluable documents relating to its early transactions in Lodge being given *in extenso*. In fact, all Grand Lodges are, as far as needs be, or can be, interestingly described, especially those of France and Germany.

The records of the Grand Lodge of England, from 1723, have also been noted for the purposes of the History, and are now rendered accessible to the Masonic student, through the well directed efforts of our Historian; the "Ancients" also being duly described, and the merits and demerits of each are impartially considered, when the need exists for plain speaking on the doings of our Masonic forefathers.

The Chapters on "Sea and Field Lodges" include an immense number of particulars, in chronological order, relative to the introduction of Freemasonry into America, and the one devoted to a critical view of the subject is of special interest and permanent value. That both sections of the American Fraternity who favour either what may be termed the Philadelphian or Boston theories of the origin of the Craft in that great Continent, have somewhat to satisfy their views, shows how impartially Bro. Gould has dealt with the rival claims, and I for one, think that his decision will stand the test of time: Philadelphia having the first lodges, so far traced, though the circumstances of their origin have not been traced, and Boston having the first warranted lodge through authority from this country. The Grand Lodge of Philadelphia appears to have been independent, as at York, in 1725, and as yet no proof has been submitted that the first Prov. G.M. appointed in 1730, for New York, New Jersey, and Penn'a ever chartered any lodges, whereas we know that Price did, though apparently Coxe did not. There were at Cork (Ireland), and York (England), independent Grand Lodges, so there need be no wonder of a similar body existing in Pennsylvania, and that there was such cannot, I think, be gainsayed.

But all these points open up many other questions, and my brief notice of this great work must end. I must again, however, express my most hearty appreciation of Bro. Gould's labours, my sense of the great indebtedness of the Craft to him, and my belief that his History will be accepted as by far the best of the kind in every sense of the term that has ever been published. The publisher has done his utmost to render the volumes most attractive typographically, and the numerous portraits of distinguished Masons and other valuable plates add much to the worth and importance of *the History of Freemasonry*, neither must I forget the elaborate and very handy index to what is as the "Keystone" states "the magnum opus, not only of this century, but of all centuries in Masonic literature." It will be accepted as the History of the Craft the wide world over.

W. J. HUGHAN.

EARLY MENTION OF "DEACONS" IN THE ATHOL GRAND LODGE MINUTES.

If the cases cited by Bro. Lane and myself in connection with the early appointment of "Deacons" in private lodges under the "Athol" system are important, the following, in which Grand Deacons and Provincial Grand Deacons figure, though it is many years later, will, I imagine, be found hardly less so. I met with it in my search after particulars for a Masonic memoir of the Duke of Kent, and its association with the career of that illustrious personage will probably endue it with a certain amount of interest.

A Warrant constituting his Royal Highness Prince Edward Grand Master of the "Ancients" in the Province of Lower Canada having been granted by the Grand Lodge of England, on the 7th March, 1792, and transmitted to Quebec in due course, but unaccompanied by the usual "Order of Deputation" for installing the Prince, the Masters and Wardens of Lodges Nos. 9, 40, and 241 met, and deputed "Bro. Alexander Wilson, Doctor of Physick," to perform the ceremony. On the 22nd June following, the brethren assembled in Freemasons' Hall, at 9 a.m., under a warrant dated the day previous from the Masters and Wardens of the said lodges, and Bro. Wilson, having taken the chair, appointed the following as his Grand Officers for the occasion, viz. :—

James Davidson ... ..	...	...	...	Dep. Grand Master.
John Lynd ... ..	...	...	...	Sen. Grand Warden
George Beattie ... ..	...	...	...	Jun. Grand Warden
Andrew Cameron... ..	...	...	...	Grand Treasurer.
William Lindsay, jun. ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Secretary.
Edward Byrn ... ..	...	...	...	Sen. Grand Deacon.
Thomas Dodd ... ..	...	...	...	Jun. Grand Deacon.
George Moorhead ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Pursuivant.
John Burrell ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge having been "opened in due form," and his Royal Highness having been "announced and introduced by the Deputy Grand Master, and his Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England read," the Prince was "Installed agreeable to the ancient custom of the Society" and "The Grand Lodge pro tempore was then closed."

"His Royal Highness was pleased to appoint and invest the following brethren officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Lower Canada (viz.) :

Alexander Wilson, Esq., Surgeon to the Royal Artillery and Ordinance (<i>sic</i>) ... ..	...	...	...	Dep. Grand Master.
Jonas Watson, Esq., Major and Major of Brigade... ..	...	...	...	Sen. Grand Warden
Thomas Ainslie, Esq., Collector of his Majesty's Customs ... ..	...	...	...	Jun. Grand Warden
James Davidson ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Secretary.
John Lynd ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Treasurer.
The Rev. Daniel Kieth (<i>sic</i>) ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Chaplain.
F. Augustus Witherall, Esq., Captain 11th Regiment of Foot ... ..	...	...	...	Senr. G. Deacon.
William Lindsay, jun. ... ..	...	...	...	Junr. G. Deacon.
George Moorhead ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Pursuivant.
John Burrell ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Tyler.

"The Provincial Grand Lodge being opened in Ample Form,

"The Fraternity walked round the Hall in Procession according to Antient Usage, and paid the usual Compliments on the Occasion," and having done this, the brethren went in procession to church, the Grand Master being in the place of honour with the "Two Grand Deacons with Rods," and the Marshal of the procession in attendance upon him. After Divine service, the procession returned to the Hall, and "his Royal Highness dismissed the brethren, who retired to their respective Lodge Rooms to Dinner." Later in the day "the whole Fraternity again Assembled at the Hall, and were joined by the Grand Master at half-past five o'clock in the Evening; and after receiving the usual Honours, His Royal Highness retired at half-past Six."

The full account from which the above particulars are taken is signed "James Davidson, G. Secretary, Province of Lower Canada," and entered in the minutes of the Athol Grand Lodge. There can, therefore, be no question as to the event described and the circumstances accompanying it, including, of course, the appointment by Bro. Wilson, of the two Grand Deacons in "the Grand Lodge pro tempore," and of the same two officers in the "Provincial Grand Lodge in Lower Canada" by his Royal Highness, having been fully endorsed by the highest Masonic authority, viz., that of the "Grand Lodge of England," according to the "Athol," or "Ancient" system.

I must reserve what I have to say further about Lodge No. 1 for a future occasion, as I am writing this away from home and without notes to refer to. I may state, however, that I regret having misunderstood "the scope" of Bro. Lane's reference to it, and am glad to find that he does not consider the "No. 1" referred to in the minutes of the early Athol Lodge, about which he offered certain remarks, and in the Grand Lodge minutes of certain specified dates, and "Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1," of August, 1759, creation are one and the same lodge.

GEORGE BLIZARD ABBOTT.

THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

At the recent meeting of the Grand Council of the Order for the United Kingdom and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, the Grand Chancellor brought up a complete set of Constitutions for the Government of the Order, which were unanimously adopted.

In these Constitutions the object of the Order is set forth as follows :—

The special feature of the Order consists in this. Every conclave shall appoint not more than four visiting Deacons, whose duty it shall be to search out and call upon any brother who may be in danger or distress, or who may have fallen into ill health, or may be in need of fraternal monition, sympathy, consolation, or assistance. This duty shall be recognised in every set of by-laws sanctioned for any conclave, and the S.R. of every conclave at his installation must be duly warned that he will be held responsible to the Grand Council for the proper and effective carrying out of this Constitution. He will also take care to impress the importance of this matter upon those whom he may appoint as his visiting Deacons.

Forms of application for warrants must be signed by not less than three members of the Order, and the charge for a warrant will be five guineas. The annual subscription from conclaves to the funds of Grand Council is to be divided equally between the working expenses and the Charity Fund.

The following are the members of the Grand Council for the year 1887 :

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, G.S. ... ..	...	...	...	P.S. Grand Ruler.
" C. F. Matier, 32° ... ..	...	...	...	P.S. Grand Ruler.
" Dr. J. Zacharie ... ..	...	...	...	S. Grand Ruler.
" J. Lewis Thomas, 18°, P.A.G.D.C. ... ..	...	...	...	Dep. Grand Ruler.
" F. A. Philbrick, B.A., Q.C., G.R., 32° ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Chancellor.
" Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., 33°, P.G.W. ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Chamberlain.
" Gen. C. W. Randolph, 32°, P.P.G.W. ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Guide.
" W. G. Lemon, LL.D., 30° ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Treasurer.
" W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., 18° ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Recorder.
" Magnus Ohren, 32°, P.A.G.D.C. ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Visitor.
" C. Belton, 30°, P.P.G.D. ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Visitor.
" Sir R. Harley, K.C.M.G. ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Standard Bearer.
" Edgar Bowyer, 18°, P.G. Std. Br. ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Bow Bearer.
" Lennox Browne, 18° ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Guard.
" H. D. Sandeman, 33°, P.D.G.M. Bengal ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Councillor.
" A. M. Broadley, 32°, P.P.G.W. ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Councillor.
" Rowe ... ..	...	...	...	Grand Sentinel.

Further appointments will be made shortly.

A model set of by-laws was discussed and finally recommended to be adopted, subject to any (non-fundamental) alterations desired by a conclave.

The number of applications for membership of the Order is already very large, and it is confidently believed that as soon as it becomes well known, a conclave of the Order will be as necessary an accompaniment of any Craft lodge as is at present a Royal Arch Chapter.

FUNERAL OF A VETERAN FREEMASON AT LIVERPOOL.

The funeral of the late Bro. Richard Washington, who died suddenly at his residence, Stafford-street, on Friday, the 1st inst., took place at the Necropolis, Liverpool, on the morning of the inst. The mourners were Mr. George Washington (son), Mr. George H. Turner (son-in-law), Mr. William Lee, Mr. Richard R. Martin, Mr. Chadwick, Mr. George C. Lee, Mr. Thomas U. Clare, Col. Turner, Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Mr. F. Watkins, Mr. C. Young, and Mr. E. Eborall. There was a large gathering of brethren and other friends at the grave, including the following members of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, of which the deceased was P.M.: Bros. F. E. Bowstead, W.M.; Dr. Smith, P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M.; R. C. Yelland, P.M.; H. B. Jones, P.M.; J. Alexander, P.M.; M. Alexander, S.W.; W. Pye, J.W.; Geo. Alexander, S.D.; A. J. Litt, J.D.; Peter Ball and W. Ball, Tylers; Joseph Wood, Geo. Pringle, Edward Sephton, Charles Hardaker, and D. W. Winstanley, P.M. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. Robert Martin, P.M. 1264; Geo. C. Lee, P.M. 1230 and 236; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; William Parry, P.M. 1505; John Whalley, P.M. 249, P.P.G.D.C.; Hugh Williams, P.M. 1264, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Joseph Bradshaw, P.M. 1325; J. B. Tyrer, 249; John Beesley, P.M. 823, P.P.G.J.D.; F. Turner, 823; Chas. Pilkington, P.M. 530; J. Humphrey, P.M. 724; B. W. Oglesby, 823; Sharples, P.M. 724; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; G. Kite, 823; F. W. Saunders, 249; T. Howard, G. Williams, D. Peoples, and many other brethren whose names we were unable to obtain; also Messrs. Thomas Smith, F. Green, W. Guyler, W. J. J. C. Bond, M. Quinn, Parkes, and others. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Dr. Harrison, and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Croxton.

MASONIC JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT BLACKPOOL.

The extensive and important scenes of public festivities and ceremonies by which Blackpool celebrated her Majesty's Jubilee last week were brought to a brilliant conclusion on Saturday by a procession in full regalia of between 200 and 250 brethren, the march out of the Church of England school children of the town, the volunteers and lifeboatmen, and the laying of the corner-stone of the "Victoria Jubilee School." The last item naturally was calculated to command more than local attention, but the announcement that the Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., LL.D., would perform the ceremony with full Masonic honours, and that brethren were invited to attend from all parts of the Province of West Lancashire, served well the purpose of the Mayor of Blackpool, Dr. Cocker, and his energetic committee, ever on the alert to effectively advertise the well-known watering-place. Saturday's fête, then, was the successful culmination of a week's rejoicings in the shape of brass bands contests, military tournaments, public dinners, and public balls, and pyrotechnical displays, and the fact that the townspeople, as well as a considerable number of visitors, entered enthusiastically into the double task of commemorating the fiftieth year of the Queen's reign, and of making the popular health resort the cynosure of all eyes is quite sufficient to explain why the celebration on the sixth and last day was as hearty and as gratifying in its character as the first. The Lord Mayor, attended by Lieut.-Col. Sir Alfred Kirby, one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Major Burnaby, the City Marshal, and the Sword and Mace Bearers arrived in Blackpool on Friday in State, when his lordship laid the foundation stone of a new hospital. A sumptuous dinner was afterwards given, and the day's proceedings were brought to a close with a grand Masonic ball, which was attended by between 30 and 40 provincial Mayors, in addition to the Lord Mayor and Sheriff and many of the local gentry.

The weather on Saturday until after the procession had dispersed was all that the most fastidious could have desired, and from an early hour visitors poured into the town from Fleetwood, Barrow, Preston, and other towns in the north of the county in great numbers. The church school children were early astir in charge of their teachers, and headed by a brass band perambulated the main streets to the entire satisfaction of themselves and the crowds of spectators lining the roads. The Masonic functions began at half-past 11 o'clock in the Royal Hotel, where the chief feature of the day's programme was prefaced by a meeting of the Clifton Lodge, No. 703. There was a goodly attendance, and the officers present were Bros. John Dickinson, W.M.; E. Fletcher, I.P.M.; S. Wolstenholme, P.M.; E. Brook, P.M.; J. Turnbull, P.M., D.C.; Jas. Heys, S.W.; W. H. Hopwood, P.M., J.W.; J. Mycock, P.M.; Neas, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Hill, Sec.; J. G. Herman, S.D.; J. W. Turner, J.D.; W. Peters, P.M., I.G.; Thos. Sergenson and J. Bennett, Stewards; and T. Hopkinson, Tyler.

The proceedings of the lodge were protracted until the arrival of Bro. Wm. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec. and acting D.P.G.M., in the absence of the R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Lathom. In the meantime brethren had been assembling in the ante-room, all attired in regalia, wearing their jewels and insignia of office, and Masonically clad in black clothes and tie, silk hat and white gloves. The brethren represented almost every part of the province, whilst other provinces—such as Middlesex, Hants, and Isle of Wight, West Yorkshire, East Lancashire, and Sussex—were fairly represented.

Amongst those present were Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., LL.D., P.G.W. England, Lord Mayor of London; Lieut.-Col. Sir Alfred Kirby, Sheriff of London and Middlesex; Wm. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec., acting D.P.G.M.; Alderman John Bickerstaff, P.M. 1476; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.S.G.W. East Lancashire; J. Davies, P.P.G.P.; C. Fryer, 113, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Newett, 115, P.S.G.W. East Lancashire; T. Grime, P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. Statham, P.P.G.T. East Lancashire; R. Butterworth, P.P.G.P.; Dr. Wartenburg, P.M. 1476; T. Forrester, P.P.J.G.D., Mayor of Chorley, P.G. Std. Br. England; J. Wray, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Crosby, P.P.G.P.; J. Lawrence, P.G. S.B.; H. H. Smith, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Horsley, 304, P.P.S.G.D. West Yorkshire; J. H. Brown, P.M. 274; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D.; J. Whitaker, P.M. 1256; C. H. Woods, W.M. 381; J. Hay, P.M. 652; J. Winn, P.M. 1256; R. Young, P.M. 86, P.P.S.G.D.; W. C.

Erwin, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Edward Pierpoint, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. T. B. Spencer, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Sumner, P.M. 1256; J. Whalley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C.; Hugh Williams, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Beesley, P.M. 823, P.P.J.G.D.; Henry Gardner, P.P.G. S.B.; J. T. Sinclair, P.S.G.W.; Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; B. J. Phillips, P.P.S.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. B. Greaves, P.M., Prov. G. Org. West Lancashire, P.P.G. Org. East Lancashire; Dr. Cocker, Mayor of Blackpool; J. Elton, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Craven, P.M. 275, P.P.S.G.W. West Yorkshire; E. J. Bleakley, P.M. 369; R. Townley, I.P.M. 1398; W. Lister, W.M. 1476; L. Whittaker, I.P.M. 1476; J. Casey, W.M. 1570; W. Gurray, P.M. 1070; E. W. Potter, W.M. 106; J. Richardson, P.M. 221; Thos. Blane, P.M. 1476; T. Bickerstaffe, J.D. 1476; C. H. Woods, W.M.; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; John Whittaker, P.M. 1256; A. Moore, P.M. 1256; Whittaker Bond, I.P.M. 1256; John Sumners, P.M. 1256; John Winn, P.M. 1256; J. Hey, P.M. 652; Geo. Layard, W.M. 678; J. B. Fisher, P.M. 703; John Leatherbarrow, W.M. 86; James Grindle, W.M. 178; T. Milligan, P.M. 178, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Greenlove, W.M. 1335; C. Wadsworth, P.M.; Alderman Farncombe (Mayor of Lewes), P.G.S.B. Sussex; and others.

To Bro. J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C., was entrusted the task of forming the procession, an arduous duty which he performed in an extremely able manner under somewhat trying circumstances. He received assistance from the hands of Bro. J. Wray, P.P. Std. Br. By about one o'clock the brethren were marshalled, and issued out from the door of the Royal, preceded by the band of the 5th L.A.V. They walked two abreast to the strains of enlivening music down the full length of the promenade to Queen-street, a very wide thoroughfare of rectangular shape, where a halt was made for the purpose of reconstituting the procession. After some little delay the procession was arranged:—

- Tylers with drawn swords.
- Visiting brethren No. 1 Prov. G. Officers.
- Members of Blackpool Lodge, No. 1476.
- Members of Clifton Lodge, No. 703.
- Mayor of Blackpool (Dr. Cocker).
- Architect with plans (Bro. T. P. Worthington).
- Past Master bearing corn (Bro. H. Gardner, P.P.G.S.).
- Past Master bearing wine (Bro. J. Mycock, P.P.G.D.C.).
- Past Master bearing oil (Bro. H. H. Smith, P.P.A.G.D.C.).
- Past Master with trowel (Bro. Ald. J. Bickerstaffe, No. 1476).
- Past Master bearing mallet (Bro. J. Wray, P.P.G. St. B.).
- Prov. Grand Officers of other Provinces.
- Prov. Grand Officers of West Lancashire.
- Prov. G.S. of W. bearing plate with inscription (Bro. T. Nevett, P.M. 113).
- Prov. G. Sec. with square (Bro. Wm. Goodacre).
- Prov. G.T. with phial containing coins.
- Corinthian Doric, and Ionic lights (borne by Bros. J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249, John Whalley, P.P.A.G.D.C., and H. Williams, P.P.A.G.D.C.).
- P.M. with plumb rule (Bro. Pierpoint, P.J.G.W.).
- P.M. with level (Bro. S. G. Sinclair, P.S.G.D.).
- Two boys carrying open bible on cushion (Masters Bickerstaffe and J. Wray).
- Prov. Grand Chaplain (Bro. Rev. T. B. Spencer).
- Standard of the Clifton Lodge, Sword Bearer, Mace Bearer.
- Lord Mayor of London (Bro. Sir Reg. Hanson, Bart., P.J.G.W. of England, supported by Bros. R. Young, P.P.S.G.D., and J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D.).
- Sheriff of London, Middlesex (Bro. Sir A. Kirby).
- Tyler with drawn sword.
- The City Marshal (Major Burnaby).

The splendid carriages of the Lord Mayor and Sheriff tailed the procession, Sir Reginald Hanson's dashing equipage, with its four beautiful thoroughbreds, evoking considerable admiration. The procession moved off once more to the sound of music, in the direction of the extremity of the promenade, where the school children awaited its approach. The juveniles then led the way to the site of the proposed new schools in Tyldesley-street, facing the sea, and placed themselves around the base of the raised platform that had been erected. Upon reaching the site the subordinate members of the Craft opened their ranks to allow the Lord Mayor and Sir Alfred Kirby to pass through up to the platform, followed by the officers, past and present, of the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge. All being assembled around the platform,

Bro. Alderman J. BICKERSTAFFE said he had the greatest possible pleasure in presenting the Lord Mayor with a trowel in order that he might perform the important ceremony of laying the stone of the Victoria Jubilee School. (Hear, hear.) He trusted his lordship would receive it with the same good feeling and brotherly love as he had in presenting it; and before proceeding any further he must thank him on behalf of the committee for the high honour he had done them in consenting to perform the ceremony. (Hear, hear.) He sincerely trusted that the new school might be the means in years to come of giving the rising generation a good educational and religious teaching. (Hear, hear.) He might say at that point that for many years past there had been a great want of a school of such a description in that part of the town, and he was so deeply impressed with the feeling that something ought to be done in the Jubilee year of her most gracious Majesty that he felt he could not do his duty better to the town in which had lived all his life—and at the same time pay a tribute of loyalty and respect to his Sovereign—than by building the school. (Applause.) When the Rev. N. S. Jeffrey, the vicar of St. John's Church, ascertained his wish he immediately called a committee which waited upon the Bishop of Manchester to, if possible, obtain his sanction for the sale of the present infant schoolroom in Bank Hey-street. The Bishop consented, and the consent of the Education Department was also got. Having obtained this sanction, it was the desire of the committee to pay for the land and build the basement of the new schools out of the proceeds of the sale of the infants' schoolroom; and it would be his pleasure to build the superstructure. (Applause.) It had always been his belief that to make men good citizens they must commence with the children—(hear, hear)—place plainly before them the tenets of Christianity, and impress upon them the noble sentiment of doing unto others as they would others should do unto them. Let their watchword be charity in its best and truest sense, and be believed much more good would be done than by frightening people with the terrors of gaol or imprisonment. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Bickerstaffe then handed to his lordship the silver trowel which was inscribed as follows: "In commemoration of her most gracious Majesty's glorious Jubilee this school was built by Bro. Alderman John Bickerstaffe, of Blackpool. The foundation stone was laid by the Right Worshipful Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.J.G.W. of England, the Lord Mayor of London, July 9th, 1887."

The LORD MAYOR replied as follows: Men and brethren here assembled to behold the ceremony—Be it known unto you that we be the lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and we have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and are not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and, having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order ready to promote our laws and further our interests. We are assembled here to-day in the name of God, who is the wisdom and the light, to lay the foundation stone of a building the primary object of which is to impart knowledge and sound instruction to our fellow-men, which we pray God may prosper as it seems good to Him; and as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I call upon you to unite with our Prov. Grand Chaplain in an address to the throne of grace.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN offered up prayer, and the phial containing coins and a copy of the *Freemason* was placed in a cavity, which was afterwards covered with a brass plate bearing this inscription: "In commemoration of her Most Gracious Majesty's glorious Jubilee, this school was built by Bro. Alderman John Bickerstaffe, of Blackpool. The foundation stone was laid by the Right Worshipful Brother the Right Hon. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.J.G.W. of Eng., the Lord Mayor of London, July 9th, 1887. The cost of the land and the erection of the basement was defrayed from the proceeds of the sale of the infants' schoolroom in Bank Hey-street." Here followed the names of the Committee of Management.

The stone was lowered into its position with three distinct stops, and the plumb rule, level, and square were each in turn presented to the Lord Mayor for use. Having employed them his lordship announced that he found the corner-stone to be plumb, levelled, and squared, and he declared it to have been duly prepared and properly laid. Three taps on the stone with the mallet by his lordship practically completed the ceremony, and subsequently corn was strewn over the stone as an emblem of plenty, wine was poured across it as an emblem of joy and gladness, and sweet oil was sprinkled over it as an emblem of peace and unanimity. A hymn was next sung, the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN followed with prayer, the architect presented plans of the intended schools, the National Anthem was rendered, and the proceedings concluded with three cheers for the Queen.

During the ceremony photographs were taken of the group on the platform. The procession was afterwards reformed in inverse order, and the brethren walked to the Wellington Arms Hotel, belonging to Bro. Alderman J. Bickerstaffe, where light refreshments were served, and "The Healths of the Lord Mayor, Alderman Bickerstaffe, Sir A. Kirby, the Mayor of Blackpool, and the Lady Mayoress of London" honoured.

The day's proceedings were witnessed by thousands of people on the piers and promenade and the principal thoroughfares, and the decorations on the public buildings and many private dwellings aroused additional interest to the occasion.

Later on in the afternoon the brass band competitions took place in Raikes Hall, and at night there was a display of fireworks. The Lord Mayor and sheriff left the town for London on Monday morning.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF TENNESSEE.

The annual convale of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee was held in Nashville on the 17th and 18th May last. The following were elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Sir Knights Charles W. Mosby, G. Commander; G. B. Wilson, Dep. G. Commander; W. C. Smith, G.G.; Nathan S. Woodward, G.C.G.; Rev. C. H. Stickland, G. Prelate; Robert Pillow, S.G.W.; Thomas O. Morris, J.G.W.; Joseph H. Bullock, G. Treasurer; George C. Conner, G. Recorder; Hugh B. Cullen, G. Std. Br.; Daniel J. Chandler, G. Swd. Br.; S. R. Williams, G. Ward; and Albert W. Downes, G.C. of G.

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The following communications stand over—Masonic Jubilee Celebration at Lancaster. Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Voice of Masonry," "British and Colonial Printer and Stationer," "Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhutte," "Keystone," "La Espana Masonica," "El Taller," "New York Dispatch," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Allen's Indian Mail," "New Era" (Trinidad), "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Court Circular," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Port of Spain Gazette" (Trinidad), "Masonic Advocate," "Natal Mercury," and "New Zealand Masonic Journal."



SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1887.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ANCIENTS AND MODERNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been much struck with recent letters of Bros. Abbott, Hughan, and others, in your columns, bearing on the vexed questions at issue between the "Ancients" and the "Moderns."

Here in Ireland we are at enormous disadvantage in the historical investigation of Freemasonry, for two reasons. First, the archives of our Grand Lodge were destroyed with singular completeness in a fire—which I suspect to have been more than accidental—at the close of last century. Secondly, as far as I know, none of the esoteric

and but little of the exoteric ritual of Irish Masonry has been reduced to writing, much less published in the manner so common in other jurisdictions. Hence, Irish archaeologists are greatly hampered by the lack of objective proofs, and have to fall back on internal evidence derived from the mode of working, and incapable, according to our interpretation of our obligations, of public discussion or reproduction.

Now, the whole question of the propriety of the names Ancient and Modern hinges on the point whether the Moderns of 1740-50 were really innovators or not. When Laurence Dermott went to England, he was a Past Master of evident skill in the ritual worked under the Irish Constitution, and would naturally feel attached to the forms in which he had attained the proficiency that had raised him from the floor of his Dublin lodge to the chair in five years. Having joined a "Regular" lodge in 1748, he quickly seceded to the Ancients; I take it, because he found there a ritual more accordant with that of his mother lodge. Now, the Irish ritual, if directly derived from England—and I see no reason to doubt it—was a perpetuation of the formulæ in force in England before 1726, that is, immediately after the Revival. If this be so, the Moderns more or less deserved their name, though pretty nearly every Masonic author of repute tacitly assumes or directly states that the Ancients were mere schismatics, and usurpers of their name.

I would fain call the attention of my English brethren to the fact that the Irish ritual of to-day is much nearer to that of Laurence Dermott than to that of the Emulation Lodge. It affords abundant internal evidence of being a more archaic, a less diffuse—a less ornate, if you will—system than that in vogue in England since the Prestonian lectures. A brother conversant with both cannot fail to recognise the simpler development and the common archetype. All the evidence of this kind—and some of the minor points are very telling to a trained mind—is thoroughly consistent with the contention that the Ancients, whose ritual so strongly attached Dermott, and whose system forms the ground of the Irish work to-day, really did hold to a less developed form than the Moderns, who, on their part, lost no jot or tittle of the essentials, whatever they may have added to the fringes.

I have neither the present leisure nor opportunity, whatever I may hope to do in the future, to do more than indicate the points of a thesis I have long believed to be well founded. I do not despair of adding proof other than inferential when brethren, especially Irish provincial brethren, awake to the importance of contributing here a scrap, there a chance mention in a minute book, to the general store of Masonic knowledge.

My twofold object in thus burdening your space is to help my English brethren on this comparatively new track, and, if possible, to arouse my Irish brethren to ransack, or permit to be ransacked, the mouldering papers of country lodges.—Yours fraternally,

W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY,
G. Stwd. Ireland.

Dublin, 12th July.

SECRESY OF THE BALLOT—BLACKBALLING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I draw the attention of those brethren who are interested in this question to your reports of the Quarterly Communications of the District Grand Lodge of Victoria, E.C., in your issues of 5th February last, p. 76, and 9th inst., p. 389.

As the case may be considered, pending the threatened appeal, as in some measure "sub judice," I should think it would hardly be right to make any comments at present, but doubtless your correspondents on this subject will watch with some curiosity for the result of the appeal, if made.—Yours fraternally,
JULY 11th.

LEX SCRIPTA.

A MASONIC IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think it only right to warn Almoners of lodges and the brethren generally of one John Watson, having a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Scotland as a member of the Royal Arch, Perth, No. 122; date of certificate, 16th July, year obliterated. He came asking assistance from me, and I immediately recognised him as having applied some 20 years ago. I find by the newspaper he was afterwards sent to prison for being drunk and disorderly at Oswestry.—Yours fraternally,

P.G. SEC.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the Court of Governors of the above Institution was held on Friday, the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. R. Robinson, P. Prov. G. Reg., in the chair. The minutes of the last Court of Governors and of the several Committees were confirmed, including a recommendation increasing the amount allocated for the purposes of the Combined Fund from £700 to £800 per annum. Twenty-nine children on the list for election upon the foundation were all duly elected, 24 being placed on the Educational Fund, three on the Advancement-in-Life Fund, and one boy and one girl on the Combined Fund, which latter provides for their education, clothing, and maintenance until they are 15 years of age.

A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Robert Martin, one of the hon. Secretaries, for his successful efforts in arranging a scheme whereby the Committee will be enabled to declare two additional vacancies without further increasing the amount now placed at the disposal of the Committee for the Combined Fund.

The sudden death of Bro. Richard Washington, a Life Governor of the Institution, was announced by the Chairman, and a vote of condolence with his family was passed, the hon. Secretaries being instructed to convey the vote to them, with a letter of regret.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Tobacconists Commencing.—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages, "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000," three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541. —[ADVT.]



A BRIEF RECORD OF THE MASONIC CAREER OF THE REV. THOMAS CARTWRIGHT SMYTH, D.D., LL.D., &c., by Wm. WATSON, P.M., P.Z., &c., Leeds, 2nd edition, 1887.

The handsome brochure by Bro. W. Watson, of Leeds, will be welcomed by the Craft, as it is devoted to an interesting biography of a veteran Craftsman, the Rev. Dr. Smyth, Grand Chaplain of England, &c., &c., whose happy face, commanding figure, and most genial presence will soon be most familiar to those who regularly attend Grand Lodge. So great was the demand for the first edition, that practically it was out of print prior to issue. The second edition is now published, and if the demand is commensurate with the extended and improved issue of this deservedly popular biography, copies will soon be at a premium. The fine photograph of Dr. Smyth as Grand Chaplain, is alone worth the trifling monograph costs, and when to this is added the able sketch by Bro. Watson of our brother's eventful career as a Freemason from 1843 down to the present time, surely no one can fail to appreciate the motive which has induced the author to place such a capital souvenir at the service of the Craft. It is not for us to name the numerous offices so ably filled by Dr. Smyth from time to time. Their name is legion. Considering also that the deeply interesting account can be obtained for a few stamps, direct from the author (*see advertisement*); it would not be fair for us to mention several facts of deep significance and importance in Dr. Smyth's career, much as we should like to do so. We may, however, when the little volume is again out of print allude briefly to one of the Heroes of the Indian Mutiny, who as a brother and a Christian Minister especially, did his duty so nobly and well under such trying circumstances. We hope that ere long Dr. Smyth will himself favour us with a short chapter of his Masonic and general experience whilst in India, and particularly during the ever memorable mutiny, or may be, that will form an attractive feature of another edition, which surely will be called for if the present one is esteemed according to its deserts. Bro. Watson has added considerably to the present issue, and being in love with his subject has not failed to seize upon every fact of importance—and there are many—in the life of one who, without doubt, has rendered more service to Freemasonry abroad, as well as at home, than almost any other brother now living. We are very pleased to notice that the work is dedicated to the W. Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, and one of the new Past Grand Deacons of England. A compliment which is well deserved and doubtless will be as warmly appreciated. In fact, it is a happy production throughout, as to subject, treatment, dedication, portraiture, and style of typography.



Craft Masonry.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Bro. C. Busbridge's, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse. The summons of the W.M., Bro. Charles Wakefield, was well responded to, and among the brethren in attendance were Bros. J. W. Buchan, P.M., D. of C., acting S.W. (Bro. Ettling, S.W., being unfortunately unwell); J. P. Moore, P.M., J.W.; R. Bradbrook, P.M., Sec.; R. Dixon, S.D.; J. R. Omer, J.D.; G. Parrett, I.G., acting as Org.; G. H. Stephens, P.M., acting I.G.; J. Lusty, jun., D.C.; W. M. Esmond, I.P.M.; R. Atkins, P.M.; G. Rowe, P.M.; Gerard J. King, C. Busbridge, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Kinipple, J.W. 1816; J. Holland, 334, Cape Town, South Africa, and others.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, Mr. Edward Hunt, a candidate already approved, and who had just returned from a long voyage, was duly admitted into the mysteries of the Order, and Bro. A. H. M. Burnham, a nephew of the W.M., and upon whom the Second Degree was conferred at the last regular meeting, was impressively made a Master Mason, Bro. Wakefield working well, and being ably supported by the officers, of whom Bro. Omer, J.D., undertook the duties of the Senior Deacon throughout the evening. It was remarked by several of the officers and members that they missed the benefit to be gained from the lodge of instruction, which latter has not secured any meetings recently. Some petitions to the Board of Benevolence were entertained, and the lodge was closed.

A pleasant little repast was next discussed, Bro. Busbridge's catering giving satisfaction, after which, with the advantage of Bro. Seddon's, P.M. and Org., attendance from another engagement a most harmonious hour or so was passed. The initiate, Bro. E. Hunt, was cordially welcomed, and as the W.M. informed the brethren that Bro. Hunt had not only seized the opportunity on his return to England for a few days, to be admitted into the Ancient Order, but on that day entered into the bonds of matrimony also.

"Bro. Hunt's Health and Prosperity" were heartily toasted and he was allowed to depart early.

Some capital songs were much enjoyed, Bros. G. Parrett, R. Dixon, Holland, Moore, and Buchan being all in excellent voice; very pleasing results followed, and the brethren separated early after Bro. Very, the obliging Tyler, had performed his usual duties.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, on Monday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. John Hardcastle, P.M.; W. H. Lomax, S.W.; J. Naylor, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Newton, Prov. A.G. Sec., Treas.; G. P. Brockbank, Past G. Std. Br., Sec.; R. Nightingale, S.D.;

W. Golding, J.D.; J. Mills, P.M., D.C.; W. Forrest, I.G.; T. Murphy, M. Robinson, and J. W. Thompson, Stwds.; T. Higson, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; J. Walker, P.P.G. W.; F. W. Pacey, P.P.G. Org. Berks and Bucks; J. Booth, P.M.; T. P. Clarke, T. Barnes, F. W. Brockbank, L. W. Hinnell, F. W. Broadbent, G. E. Greenhalgh, and T. Cooper.

The special business was to consider a proposition presented to the W.M. at the last regular meeting, signed by seven members, that the future meetings of the lodge be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Silverwell-street. On being submitted to the meeting, the proposition was unanimously adopted. Bros. Clarke and Cooper were raised to the Third Degree, and the lodge was then closed.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The installation of Bro. T. Studholme as W.M. of the above lodge for the ensuing year took place on Monday afternoon, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, College-street. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. W. Pagen, W.M., in the presence of a goodly number of the Fraternity. Amongst the members present were: Bros. John Barr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. W. Moore, P.M.; W. C. Johns, I.P.M., P.G.S.; T. Studholme, W.M. elect; James Anderson, Chap., P.G.C.; Charles J. Harris, Sec.; J. Macnab, J.D.; G. H. Liddell, D.C.; D. H. Cook, Org.; G. Starkey, I.G.; S. Hinde and J. W. Taylor, Stwds.; Thomas Richardson, Tyler; G. Golightly, Joseph Musgrave, John Thompson, James Sawyers, J. C. Todd, Spencer Broadbent, Stuart Hall, P.P.G.C.; J. Cant, J. Ramsay, R. D. Metcalf, W. J. Tyson, Robt. Miller, P.S.W.; J. Rothery, P.J.W.; T. Mitchell, J. Casson, E. Thornburrow, and J. B. Mossop. The neighbouring lodges were well represented, the following being amongst the visitors: Bros. T. Brakenridge, W.M., W. D. P. Field, S.W., J. S. Moffat, J.W., J. M. Clark, S.D., D. Atkinson, J.D., F. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.A.G. D. of C., T. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., R. Shepherd, Stwd., and J. Storey, of 872; J. R. Irvine, I.G. 80; Dr. Braithwaite, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., J. J. Wilson, P.M., P.G.S., J. Robson, P.M., R. Tyson, P.M., E. Bromley, S.W., H. Hartley, J.W., and J. Kitchen, Stwd., of 1267; R. Baxter, P.M. 1089, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. E. Whiteside, J.W. 1398; J. C. Thompson, P.M., P.G.R., G. L. Saunders, J.W., and J. W. P. Gregson, of 962; T. Bowness, W.M., W. Bradley, P.M., and R. G. W. Bradley, of 1390; and others.

Congratulatory letters were read from Bros. W. H. Atkinson, P.M. 119; G. Ryrrie, P.M. 119; and Eden, W.M. 962; who were unable to be present. Bro. W. C. Johns then presented the W.M. elect to Bro. Pagen, W.M., who, with the assistance of Bro. J. Barr, P.M., duly installed Bro. Studholme as W.M. of the oldest lodge in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland.

The Worshipful Master then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Pagen, I.P.M.; C. J. Harris, S.W.; W. J. Tyson, J.W.; W. C. Johns, P.M., Treas.; J. Cant, Sec.; Rev. S. Hall, Chap.; G. Starkey, S.D.; G. H. Liddell, J.D.; D. H. Cook, Org.; S. Hinde, I.G.; S. Broadbent, D.C.; E. Thornburrow, Almoner; J. Ramsey and T. Mitchell, Stewards; and T. Richardson, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed for the newly-made W.M.'s success by the visitors present, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, the Worshipful Master presiding. The dinner was catered for by Bro. G. W. Roll, of the Black Lion Hotel, and gave general satisfaction. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the toast of the evening—"The Newly-installed W.M. of Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge"—being warmly received.

The proceedings were enlivened by a few capital songs from Bros. Starkey, Johns, Tyson, Irvine, Golightly, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariner's Lodge (No. 249).—The annual investiture of officers in connection with this lodge took place on the 7th instant, in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street. The Mariners, which was established as far back as 1783, has pursued a steady and prosperous course, always subscribing its full quota to the Masonic Charities, and ever looked upon as one of the foremost and strongest lodges in the province. The yearly installation ceremony is invariably witnessed by a large number of the Craft from other lodges, and the proceedings were in no way an exception to the rule. The W.M. Bro. J. White, opened the lodge, being supported by the following officers: Bros. W. G. Bradley, I.P.M.; David W. Cangley, P.M., D.C.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Jenaway, P.M., John Walley, P.M., P.P.G.D.D.; Morris Davies, P.M.; John C. Robinson, P.M.; F. Barnett, P.M.; Richard G. Bradley, P.M.; John Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and Treasurer; Henry J. Pye, S.W.; John C. Spurr, J.W.; Robert Collings, Sec.; Wm. Hewson, S.D.; D. C. Davidson, J.D.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; R. Shacklady, S.; H. F. Neale, J.S.; Thomas Bush, A.S.; Peter Evans, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Thos. Nevitt, J.D. 484; John T. Gale, W.M. 613; Joseph Shield, W.M. 1086; Jas. Hesketh, P.M. 1070; Joseph Boyle, P.M. 823; Joseph Sharples, I.P.M. 724; Maurice Hart, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; Robert Foote, P.P.G. Treas.; O. W. Sanderson, W.M. 1609; C. Cockbain, W.M. 673; Wm. Addison, W.M. 1036; Samuel Fraser, S.W. 1264; W. Savage, P.M. 1089; Wm. Stephenson, W.M. 724; Joseph Croxton, Treas. 1756; R. C. Fisher, S.D. 1035; Thos. Mason, S.W. 667; W. Forrester, J.W. 1035; and Thos. C. Fargher, I.G. 2042.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Henry J. Pye, was presented by Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith and David W. Cangley for installation, which was duly performed by Bros. R. G. Bradley, P.M., and Jos. White, the retiring W.M. The W.M. elect afterwards proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as under: Bros. Jas. White, I.P.M.; J. C. Spurr, S.W.; W. Hewson, J.W.; J. Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas. (re-elected for the third time); Robert Collings, Sec.; Alfred B. Ewart, Org.; Duncan C. Davidson, S.D.; Wm. R. Bridge, J.D.; Robt. Shacklady, I.G.; Hy. F. Neale, S.S.; Thos. Bush, J.S.; Peter Evans, A.S.; Hy. Brown, A.S.; and Richard G. Bradley, P.M., D. of C. The investiture having been brought to a conclusion, five candidates for the privileges of Masonry were admitted into membership, and the routine business was then despatched.

The brethren, to the number of 140, adjourned to the banquet-hall, where, after refreshment, the toast list was taken.

"The Queen," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," were given by the W.M., and received loyal acknowledgment.

Bro. M. Hart, P.P.G.D.C., replied for "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M., and the other G. Officers," proposed by Bro. J. C. Spurr, S.W.; and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Stanley, of Preston, R.W. D. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and past," submitted by Bro. Wm. Hewson, J.W.

The I.P.M. next gave "The Health of the W.M.," which was greeted with Masonic honours and responded to. The next health, that of "The Installing Masters, Bros. R. G. Bradley and Jos. White," was given by the W.M., and spoken to by the first-named brother.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. White," presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel on behalf of the lodge.

Bro. H. F. Neale, Stwd., said he had been requested to present to Bro. White a testimonial which took the form of a beautifully-illuminated address signed by the W.M. and himself, together with a gold watch, which bore a suitable inscription.

The toast was then heartily drunk, and briefly but feelingly responded to by Bro. White.

The succeeding toast, "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. E. C. Robinson, was acknowledged by Bro. Foote, who, in making a strong and lengthy appeal on behalf of the central and local Charities, said the province received annually £1600 from the London Institutions, which, therefore, had a strong claim upon their support. The West Province of Lancashire was the wealthiest and most distinguished province in the whole of the civilised world, and it behoved the brethren who were in it to uphold its reputation in the sacred cause of Charity.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were greatly enlivened by the appreciable vocal and instrumental endeavours of Bros. A. B. Ewart, Org., Eaton Batty, Forrester, Fineberg, Fargher, and others.

CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—The installation of Bro. Leyland Eccles as W.M. for the year ensuing of the above lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., and attracted a goodly attendance of local brethren and visitors, including a brother who has just received honours in the Grand Lodge, and several Past Provincial Grand officers. The beautiful ceremony of installation was most ably and impressively performed by Bro. Franklin Thomas, P.M. and P.Z. 345, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon, P.P.J.G.D. East Lancashire, the investing officer being Bro. S. Goldstone, P.M. and P.Z. 345. The following are the officers for the year: Bros. Bradshaw, I.P.M.; Tootle, S.W.; Farmer, J.W.; Sharples, Treas.; Monks, Sec.; Richmond, S.D.; Willis, J.D.; Eatock, I.G.; and Withnell, Tyler.

At the close of the proceedings the brethren partook of their annual banquet, following which the usual Masonic and other toasts were given, and hearty felicitations were tendered to Bro. Forrester on his attainment of Grand Lodge honours.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above powerful lodge—undoubtedly the strongest in the Province of Kent—took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the High School for Boys, Brookhill, and we must congratulate Bro. Charles H. Lawson, S.W. and W.M. elect, upon the popularity he has achieved so early, if not easily, in his Masonic career; for when we say that at least 150 brethren and visitors attended to add éclat to the occasion, we have said enough to establish our premises, at least. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. Palmer, P.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Lawson was presented for installation, and in due course was placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted. He invested the brethren as follows: Bros. W. D. Keeble, S.W.; B. de B. Lopez, J.W.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.G. Chap. Kent, Chap.; C. Coupland, P.P.J.G.W. Kent, P.M., Treas.; E. Denton, P.P.J.G.D. Kent, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Butler, P.P.G. Reg. Kent, P.M., Stwd.; A. Penfold, P.P.J.G.D. Kent, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Lloyd, S.D.; W. Busbridge, J.D.; W. Saunders, I.G.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; W. C. Taylor, A.D.C.; Dr. E. Bryce, 1st A.S.; C. J. Clapham, 2nd A.S.; and J. Lardner, Tyler. Bro. Palmer then delivered the addresses with eloquence and feeling, and finished the ceremony, for which he was heartily thanked on all sides. It was then unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks should be presented to him for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, and inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. He was further presented with a Life-Governorship, of the value of 10 guineas, in one of the Charities for his services rendered during the past 12 months. Bro. Palmer suitably returned thanks. Bros. Jamblin and the Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G. Chap. and P.S.G.W. Kent, were elected honorary members of the lodge by acclamation, and, after a guinea had been devoted for a prize for the boys of the High Schools, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the New Falcon Hotel, Bro. Hubbard's comfortable and commodious house at Gravesend, where one of those elegantly served banquets, for which he is so famous, awaited them.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.D. Wilts; R. Pidcock, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Sussex; C. Jolly, P.M.; J. J. Collins, W. Newton, J. J. Murphy, J. W. Bull, H. Towns, H. Stewart, W. Ledger, E. Lewis, C. Scantlebury, A. W. Jackson, A. D. Capon, J. O. Cook, R. S. Courtman, L. Mills, R. Turrell, E. Morris, J. Taylor, W. Burchell, J. Widgery, W. Pryce, W. Sallenger, T. Hambrook, J. Mitchell, R. Rabson, W. Pope, J. Haslett, C. G. Swiss, G. Frost, J. Farrier, W. J. Young, C. Hartnup, H. Grafton, F. Hayward, H. Winter, H. Barrett, H. Shaw, F. Hoar, H. Coombes, G. W. Clifton, G. H. Campbell, J. Frankling, A. Moore, D. K. Somers, J. F. Randall, W. Agate, H. Mallings, G. Laurance, F. Estler, C. Hager, J. Hooton, R. Ginman, W. Tucker, A. Wallis, W. Harris, W. Lomax, J. Griffiths, and A. Alford, all of the lodge; T. S. Warne, P.M. 20, P.P.S.G.W. Kent; S. Alveston, 706; J. W. Bussey, W.M. 199; Capt. F. A. Bowles,

R.A., P.M.; S. Mathews, 2147; J. W. Nash, 1050; C. Skinner, 20; H. Palmer, 700; J. Pakes, P.M. 871; W. Webber, 700; W. Tailby, J.W. 13; G. R. Hunter, H. Lawson, 1789; J. Sanderson, W.M. 700; O. Weiss, F. Glazier, J. Warren, P.M. 700; R. S. Naylor, 700; G. Chambers, 13; G. H. Porter, 700; W. J. Bidgood, 700; H. G. Cox, 700; Capt. M. J. Rowan, 1789; H. De Gray, 13; J. Seddon, 526; Dr. W. Coleman, 706; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 700; J. Loverage, 615; A. Cleal, W.M. 13; J. G. Milbourn, S.W. 13; J. S. Lewis, 1670; Capt. G. H. Graham, J.W. 2041; H. A. Pettifer, 700; J. C. Weddell, W.M. 1857; W. Hills, P.M. 483; F. Teece, W.M. 77; W. Maule, W.M. 1536; G. B. Nichols, 1567; G. Walker, 1536; S. Horton, 1789; and others.

The dinner having been discussed, the Worshipful Master proposed in appropriate terms "The Queen and the Craft," and then that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master."

These having been drunk with all due honours,

Bro. Cummings proposed the next toast—that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said some of them who visited Grand Lodge had an opportunity of seeing the work of those noblemen, and must have been struck with the immense amount of Masonic knowledge they possessed. He was sure that those who were present at that scene when so many good Masons were awarded brevet rank on the occasion of the jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, would never forget it. One hundred and eighteen Grand Officers were invested. That would clear the way a little and give some other aspirants a good chance. He wished them all health and happiness, and felt sure the Pattison Lodge would drink to the toast heartily, and wish the Grand Officers long life, health, and prosperity, as rulers of the Craft.

Bro. Jamblin then proposed the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of Kent." He said he thought it would be sufficient to read it. Some people took a peculiar view of Masonry, and it was said that a fool could rule over them; he, however, took a different view. It was not sufficient for their ruler to be a special man, he must be a good all round man; such, for instance, as their Master in the chair. Their P.G.M. was an all round man, and those who knew him as Lord Holmesdale found him the same now he was Earl Amherst. He was a public schoolman, a soldier in the Crimea, and now last, though not least, Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Kent; and they revered him because what he had to do he did with all his might and main, and where would they find a man and an administrator like Lord Holmesdale. Now, if they considered what Masonry was in that province 20 odd years ago, when Lord Holmesdale took command of it, and what it is now, they should be at once arrive at a judgment by the fact that at that time there were only 20 lodges, and now they had between 50 and 60, while the whole tone of Masonry had been improved and exalted under his rule. He felt sure there was not a man in the whole province could rule them like their Prov. Grand Master could, and he asked them to show their affection for him by drinking the toast in bumpers.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Past and Present," and said they had heard so much of the excellence of those brethren that he did not think it was necessary for him to say a single word in their praise. He asked them, therefore, to give the toast a good fire, and coupled it with the names of Bros. Cummings and Warne.

Bro. Cummings, in response, regretted that the noble Earl and their esteemed D.P.G.M. were not present to see such a gathering of a private lodge in their province; he felt sure it would have both delighted and astonished them. He thanked the brethren for having in his absence elected him an honorary member of the lodge; that he looked upon as the highest honour a Mason could have conferred upon him, and trusted that opportunities would allow of him being with them more frequently in the future than in the past. He spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to have fallen under the lynx eye of Bro. Eastes, and to receive at the hands of his lordship the Earl Amherst one of the highest offices in Provincial Grand Lodge, and concluded by trusting that as time went on many collars would come to the brethren of their excellent lodge.

Bro. Warne, in the course of an instructive and humorous address, said he felt pleased to have had the honour of P.S.G.W., and felt no regret at giving up the gavel to Bro. Cummings, who was a good, hard-working Mason. He spoke highly of the Pattison Lodge, which, he said, was undoubtedly the premier lodge in the province, and never in his experience had he seen a private lodge with such an attendance as he saw around him that day. Long might it continue, and long might he and all with him live to accept the hospitality of the Pattison Lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. Palmer, then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He said he thought that after hearing his voice so often during the past two years they would not want too much of it now; but as the Worshipful Master had given him the gavel, he meant to use it in proposing his health. They had all seen the splendid manner in which their Worshipful Master had invested his officers, and, from what he knew of him, they might take it that that was the inauguration of a year's work that they all would be proud of. He trusted their esteemed W.M. would have a good year of office, and could assure him that they would stick to him through thick and thin to secure him one.

Bro. Lawson, who was cheered on rising to respond, said he felt most intensely the handsome manner in which the toast had been put and received. He stood before them by their grace in the position of their Worshipful Master, and trusted that he should have an opportunity of showing that to the utmost of his ability he meant to be worthy of that position. If in the past he had given them satisfaction, he should endeavour to do even better in the future. He felt it a great honour, as well as a great difficulty, to follow such good Masons as had preceded him, and knew how hard it would be for him to give satisfaction on that account. If he had their support through the coming year, he trusted when the end came to meet with their approbation. After again thanking them for the toast, he resumed his seat amid cheers.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Installing Officers," "The Visitors," "The Initiate (Bro. Rabson)," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast.

A grand selection of vocal and instrumental music was rendered during the evening by Bros. V. Lee, G. W. Clifton, G. Walker, W. Sycamore, Batchelor, and W. H. Pocklington, and Messrs. W. H. Wheeler and Walter Woodruff, Bro. Tyler presiding at the piano; and the whole affair was worthy of the lodge and its Master.

ILFRACOMBE.—Concord Lodge (No. 1135).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. W. Rees, the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. There was a large gathering of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Capt. W. H. Ivimy (the retiring W.M.); S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Lake, P.S.G.D.; J. S. Catford, P.M.; C. G. Barnett, P.M.; C. E. Clemow, P.M.; A. St. Paul, P.M.; J. Gaydon, P.M.; W. Rees, A. Lazar, F. Brede, H. R. Grover, J. Western, B. Dyke-Acland, N. Keen, W. Day, W. Walters, E. Slade-King, M.D., M. W. Tattam, E. J. Tamlyn, H. A. Yeldham, F. A. Best, A. Wrighton, J. Yeardaye, C. E. Egan, D. Guilding, and W. H. French.

The ceremony of installation was most ably and impressively rendered by Bro. S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W., after which the W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. H. Ivimy, I.P.M.; A. St. Paul, P.M., S.W.; A. Lazar, J.W.; R. Lake, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ivimy, P.M., Sec.; H. R. Grover, S.D.; F. Brede, J.D.; J. S. Catford, P.M., D. of C.; E. J. Tamlyn, Asst. D. of C.; J. T. Gardner, Org.; M. W. Tattam, Asst. Org.; J. Western, I.G.; J. H. Moore and W. Day, Stwds.; and J. Blackford, Tyler.

A very pleasing feature during the proceedings was the presentation to Bro. W. H. Ivimy, by Bro. A. St. Paul, P.M., in the name of the lodge, of a very handsome and valuable P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. It bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. H. Ivimy, P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Concord, 1135, as a slight acknowledgment of his zealous work during his term of office as W.M., 1886-1887."

Bro. Ivimy, in acknowledging the gift, which was quite unexpected, thanked them all for the great honour they had conferred on him, with the assurance that he should ever prize and value the jewel as a recollection of many friendships formed and happy hours spent with the brethren of Lodge Concord, and that the welfare and prosperity of the lodge he would ever have at heart.

All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Clarence Hotel, where the banquet, which was of a most recherché and elegant description, was held, the menu cards, of a beautiful design, being supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of London, in honour of the Queen's Jubilee.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received with great enthusiasm, followed by some capital songs and recitations, and the brethren separated after passing a most pleasant evening and successful day. We may mention that no less than fifteen members have joined during the past year, and the future prosperity of this lodge seems now so well assured, that Bro. J. S. Catford, P.M., with his usual zeal and energy, is about to build a new lodge room of large dimensions, which will be commenced about Michaelmas, and completed in time for the next installation. Bro. J. Yeardaye is the architect. It is hoped that the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., may be induced to open the same. The following brethren were unavoidably absent—Bros. J. T. Gardner, G. Vickery, and J. H. Moore.

HAMPTON COURT.—Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, on Saturday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Pritchard, W.M.; W. J. W. Oswald, M.D., S.W.; R. M. Jones, P.M., P.S.G.D. Middx. as J.W.; Rev. W. Stainton-Moses, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain Middx., Chaplain; T. Cubitt, P.G.P., Treasurer; F. W. Levander, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., Secretary; J. Hutchison, S.D.; W. Hicklin, J.D.; C. J. Wallis, P.M.; I. Keene, P.P.G. Reg. Middx., P.M.; W. J. Morris, C. E. Cassal, J. T. Wright, G. Sawyer, and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Visitors: C. Wheeler, 1328; E. George, 1489; R. C. Sudlow, P.P.S.G.D. Kent, 203; E. M. Money, 28; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; M. T. Walker, and J. Murray, 1706.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The W.M., Bro. Pritchard, then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. W. J. W. Oswald, M.D. Those who are acquainted with the working of the W.M. of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement need not be told that the rendering of the impressive ceremony was faultless, and proved a great treat to all present, both members and visitors.

The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hutchison, S.W.; W. Hicklin, J.W.; Rev. W. Stainton-Moses, Chaplain; T. Cubitt, Treasurer; F. W. Levander, Secretary; G. Sawyer, S.D.; C. E. Cassal, J.D.; J. H. J. Buckley, I.G.; J. T. Wright, D.C.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Organist; and J. Gilbert, Tyler.

The W.M. then said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., Bro. Pritchard, for the perfectly able and satisfactory manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during the year. His urbanity and constant readiness to do all in his power for the lodge had endeared him to the brethren, and they all joined with him in wishing him long life, health, and prosperity.

Bro. Pritchard, in thanking the brethren, said that no gift he had ever received would be more valued than the jewel that had just been presented to him, accompanied as it was by such kind expressions of goodwill from the W.M. He could assure them that if they had experienced half the pleasure in listening to the ceremonies that he had in rendering them, he was more than repaid.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was admirably served in Bro. Sadler's best manner.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who prefaced his remarks by alluding to the celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee, and the interest taken by the Craft in that event. The sympathy shown by the Queen with all her people in their distress had touched the hearts of her subjects, and evoked expressions of affection and loyalty unprecedented in this generation.

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was the next toast, and the Worshipful Master said that the usual remark in connection with this toast as to how well the Prince performed his duties was strongly evidenced by the meeting at the Albert Hall, when, at the Grand Master's initiative, £6000 had been contributed to the three great Charities.

"The Health of the Pro Grand Master and other Grand Officers" was then given, and responded to by Bro. Cubitt, P.G.P.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. Cubitt, Levander, and Moses responded.

Bro. Pritchard, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of his successor in the chair, Bro. W. J. W. Oswald, M.D." He felt sure he would perform his duties with energy and ability. He was held in high esteem by his brethren, and he wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M. replied, thanking Bro. Pritchard. He had been looking forward to occupying the chair of the Campbell Lodge with a great deal of pleasure, and he would endeavour to do his best.

The toast of "The Visitors" came next, and was responded to by Bros. Wheeler, Sudlow, and W. Lake.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Pritchard, I.P.M.

Bro. Pritchard responded, remarking that he would much rather perform a ceremony or give an explanation of the tracing boards than make a speech, but in this case it was easy, for they were fortunate in having good Past Masters, whose merits were so apparent that it was not necessary to enlarge on them. For himself, he had done his best to perform his duties, thanks to Bro. Sudlow, who had coached him. He thanked them all heartily for the support they had accorded him during his year of office.

Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular monthly lodge was held in the Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Brown, W.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treasurer; J. Kay, Secretary; W. Lackenby, S.D.; G. Lamb, J.D.; C. G. Padel, P.M., Org.; W. Storry, I.G.; J. H. Shonksmith, P. Pearson, and J. D. Irving, Stewards; J. Hall, Tyler; W. M. Briggs, W. S. Child, J. Thorpe, W. Routledge, J. Shaw, F. H. Vaughan, L. Beaumont, A. Archer, W. Ream, H. Chapman, R. Ware, W. G. Penty, W. Sharp, and G. G. Pook. Visitor: Bro. John Marshall, P.M. 660.

After the reading of the minutes, Bro. T. Milner was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M. The W.M. announced that a party of American Masons, headed by Bro. Chas. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, would visit the lodge on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and that he should call a special lodge to receive them, at which Bro. Shaw would be raised to the Third Degree, and he hoped to have a good attendance of brethren and visitors. Bro. G. Lamb presented to the lodge a statue of H.M.G.M. Queen Victoria, with a pedestal for the same, and was heartily thanked for his Jubilee gift. Bro. Whythead, P.M., also presented to the library copies of the Rev. J. Inwood's "Masonic Doctrines," the Rev. T. M. Harris's "Masonic Morality," and Dr. Ashe's "Masonic Manual," emblematically bound, and also presented, on behalf of Bro. Hughan, a catalogue of the Masonic Exhibition at Plymouth, and, on behalf of Bro. John H. Goddard, a "History of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin."

Votes of thanks were passed for these various gifts, and, after the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the smoke room, where they enjoyed a musical evening, enlivened by the voices of Bros. Mennell, Blenkin, and others.

ISLE OF MAN.—Ellan Vannin Lodge (No. 2049).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on the 6th inst. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. Hodgson, Prov. Grand Registrar of the Province, and there was a large attendance. Business was done in the Second Degree. Among the visitors were Bros. Seymour Jackson, F. Gordon, N. Dumville, C. Reynolds, and Oliver Gagg, all members of 2156, Allan Avison, and W. H. Wylde.

During the after proceedings, Bro. Reynolds, who conducts the band at Duf Castle, played a solo on the oboe, an instrument of which he is a perfect master. Bros. Jackson and Gordon (both members of Carl Rosa's Opera Company) sang, and these two brethren, with Bros. Dumville and Wylde, sang several glees. The services of these brethren were much appreciated by the local brethren, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them for their services. Bro. Avison gave a short ventriloquial entertainment, and Bro. Gagg has promised to contribute at the next meeting.

CROYDON.—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Ridpath, W.M.; Hobbs, P.S.G.D. Surrey, I.P.M.; Samuel, S.W.; Levey, J.W.; Rev. E. D. L. Harvey, Chap.; J. D. Langton, P.J.G.W. Surrey, Sec.; Goode, S.D.; Cambridge, J.D.; F. W. Leaver, Org.; Holden, acting I.G.; Holdsworth, Stwd.; Fraser, Wilson, E. C. Leaver, Percival, Guedalla, Aston, and Hoyte. The visitors present were Bros. Charles Daniel, P.M. 65; J. Newton, P.M. 174; Everist, P.M. 720; and Edward Hobbs, 453.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Lionel Percival was raised to the Third Degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony in the most impressive manner. The Secretary reported that he had received the sanction of the M.W.G.M. and R.W.P.G.M. to the alteration of the days of meeting. A proposal was made that a meeting of the members should be held to which ladies should be invited, and after this had been discussed and other business transacted, the lodge was closed.

The members then sat down to a banquet under the presidency of the W.M. After dinner had been served the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master."

In giving "The Health of the Prov. G.M., Bro. General Brownrigg," the W.M. spoke of the high terms of appreciation in which the P.G.M. was held by all in the Province of Surrey.

With the toast of "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. J. D. Langton, P.J.G.W. and P.M. of the lodge.

Bro. Langton, in the course of his reply, urged the members of the lodge to attend the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 27th inst.

The Immediate Past Master then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," mentioning what a great pleasure it had been to the members of the lodge to hear the excellent working of the Third Degree that evening.

The Worshipful Master having suitably replied, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Hobb."

The toast of "The Visitors" was drunk and replied to by Bros. Newton and Daniels.

After the toast of "The Officers," the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

During the evening Bro. Hoyte performed upon the piano a march expressly composed by him for the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, and dedicated by permission to the Prov. G.M. Songs were given by Bros. Dr. Wilson and Leaver.

HERNE BAY.—Ethelbert Lodge (No. 2099).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Beach-street, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. E. Ayre, in the presence of Bros. E. C. Fenoulet, S.W.; H. C. Jones, J.W.; F. A. Pullen, Treas.; J. S. White, S.D.; E. A. C. Laikin, J.D.; C. Salari, I.G.; C. W. Welby and T. E. Dilnot, Stewards; W. F. England, Tyler; A. Carey, Organist; W. J. Hellyar, W. Holness, L. J. Adams, F. J. Handford, C. Hill, F. R. Young, A. S. Ingleton, A. W. G. Philpot, E. Lee, E. T. J. Adams, and W. J. Flower. The following visitors were present from neighbouring lodges: Bros. H. F. Pringuer, J.W., F. Fagg, and A. Emens, 972; H. M. Mangham, W.M., Sibert Saunders, J.W.; J. I. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., G. A. Gann, and A. Harrison, 1915.

The brethren proceeded to make the following appointments for the ensuing year: Bros. Fenoulet, as W.M.; Pullen, as Treasurer; and R. Griggs, as Tyler. The W.M., assisted by the S.W., then initiated the Rev. J. Ellam, the vicar of Herne Bay. At the conclusion of the business a cold spread was served. The installation meeting is fixed for the 9th prox., although its locale is not yet decided upon.

INSTRUCTION.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, 12th inst., when there were present Bros. W. W. Block, W.M.; W. T. Wigglesworth, S.W.; Austin, J.W.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; Fredk. Croaker, Treas.; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Ladds, S.D.; J. Osmond, J.D.; G. Wigglesworth, I.G.; W. Roots, Steng, G. A. Ball, A. Arrowsmith, Fullick, and Bellchamber.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Steng having answered the usual questions was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Steng as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Fullick as candidate. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Bellchamber. The W.M. rose for the first time, when it was proposed by Bro. Bellchamber, and seconded by Bro. W. T. Wigglesworth, that Bro. G. Wigglesworth, 1669, become a joining member. Carried unanimously. Bro. Wigglesworth returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that the S.W. be W.M. for the next meeting—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the third time. Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, gave notice of motion, that the sum of £5 5s. in hands of Treasurer be balloted for, and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. Carlo Grassi, W.M.; A. Bullen, S.A.V.; G. F. Swan, J.W.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; W. Proudfoot, J.D.; S. Moss, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Hancock, F. Moss, and F. Dusterwald.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge called off and on. Bro. W. Proudfoot having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. The Preceptor worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. F. Moss, 196, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. F. Dusterwald, and seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. A. Bullen be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the W.M. proposed that this lodge of instruction have a summer festival to be held in July—seconded by Bro. A. Clark. The following brethren were unanimously elected as Stewards: Bros. W. Honeyball, Carlo Grassi, W. Richards, A. Bullen, C. A. Ralph, James Woodward, H. Wilkie Jones, and J. Rowe; and it was decided that the brethren dine at the Clarendon, Gravesend, starting from Charing Cross in saloon carriages, and a drive to Cobham and the surrounding district, before dinner, in branks. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; Spiegel, S.W.; W. G. Coat, J.W.; J. Sims, acting Preceptor; Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; P. J. Davies, S.D.; D. Stroud, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; J. H. Wood, W. W. Williams, Woods, and J. Davies.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was then worked by the brethren, and the 4th Section by Bro. Spiegel, under the direction of the W.M. Bro. Woods offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Woods being candidate. The Lecture on the tracing board was then rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Spiegel was elected W.M. for next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. W. W. Williams proposed, and Bro. D. Stroud seconded, the motion of which notice had been given, viz., that the by-law allowing an annual subscription to be accepted in lieu of nightly payments be rescinded. This was carried unanimously, and the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. J. Andrews, Sec. and W.M.; J. Harvey, S.W.; J. Wright, J.W.; Folkard, S.D.;

Gibbs, J.D.; Essling, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Coe, Allison, Westley, Treas.; Russell, J. Burn, Green, and Farmer.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Russell having answered the usual questions was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Russell as candidate. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 4th Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bros. Green and Farmer, 1260, were elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Harvey, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Harvey thanked the brethren, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Comps. A. Tisley, M.E.Z.; H. Clemow, H.; F. Farrington, J.; Jenkins, S.E.; G. Manners, P.Z., Treasurer elect; W. E. Farrington, S.N.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middx., P.Z.; Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe, P.Z. (Hon. Member); Christian, Skelton, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe installed Comps. H. Clemow, as M.E.Z.; F. Farrington, as H.; and W. E. Farrington, as J., the three ceremonies being admirably performed. The following investments took place: Comps. A. Tisley, S.E.; Farthing, S.N.; T. A. Woodbridge, P.S.; Christian, 1st Asst.; Beddingfield, 2nd Asst.; and G. Manners, C.C., Treasurer. A vote of thanks having been passed to Comp. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe for his services as Installing Officer, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts were given.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT CHAPTER (No. 1745).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. H. J. Lardner, M.E.Z.; Strugnell, H.; J. Young, J.; T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., S.E.; J. Lister, S.N.; T. Simpson, 1st A.S.; Webber, 2nd A.S.; N. Prower, M.A.; Parkinson, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. H. Lardner ably installed Comps. Strugnell as M.E.Z., J. Young as H., and J. Lister as J. The following investments then took place: Comps. T. C. Walls, S.E.; T. Simpson, S.N.; Herbert, P.S.; Webber, 1st A.S.; N. Prower, 2nd A.S.; Lardner, Treasurer; and Parkinson, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been presented to Comp. Lardner, and a vote of thanks presented to him for his services as Installing Officer, the chapter was closed.

The customary banquet followed. Before the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening spent.

CAMBRIDGE.—Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).—The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: Comps. B. Chennell, Z.; J. R. Ling, H.; W. Pashler, J.; A. H. Moyses, S.E.; T. Nichols, S.N.; W. S. Ling, P.S.; C. F. Charlton, 1st A.S.; W. P. Spalding, 2nd A.S.; Hunnybun, Steward; F. Piggott, D.C.; and W. Macalum, Treas.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 8th instant. Comp. Robinson, M.E.Z., P.G.P.S., presided, supported by his officers and about 20 members of the chapter. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for five candidates, all were accepted and exalted to the Sublime Degree. The balance sheet was read and passed, showing over £26 to the credit of the chapter. Two guineas was voted to Comp. Kyrie's Stewardship on behalf of the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund, and the officers for the ensuing year were elected, and the chapter was closed in due form.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D)—This old encampment met at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 23rd ult. The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, letters pleading inability to attend were read from Sir Knights Glenn, E.C.; Dodson, 1st Captain; Captain Stohwasser, Expert; A. Williams, P.E.C.; Graveley, P.E.C.; and others. The encampment having been closed, the sir knights adjourned to the banquet. Among those present were Sir Knights W. Paas, P.E.C., in the chair; Alfred Tisley, 2nd Captain; T. C. Walls, P.E.C., Reg.; H. J. Lardner, C. of L.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; Maple, Nelson Prower, M.A., and Slater. The visitors were Sir Knights Captain J. Sadler, Lieutenant Richards, Paas, jun., and Johnson.

The proceedings were throughout most enjoyable, and the weather superb.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

MARYPORT.—W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—The annual installation meeting of this flourishing young council was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., Bro. Joseph Nicholson, W.M. The minutes were read and confirmed, when Bro. Nicholson presented Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, W.M. elect, and Grand Deacon of England, to Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.M., and Past Grand Warden of England, and he was duly installed W.M., and invested the following as his officers: Bros. George Dalrymple, S.W.; James Gardner, J.W.; P. de E. Collin, Treas.; E. B. Penrice, Secretary; James Dickinson, S.D.; J. Paterson, J.D.; J. Smith, Organist; J. Eden, I.G.; J. Kendall, Steward; and John Messenger, Tyler. The following were also in attendance: Bros. Thomas Mandie, R. Hodgson, J. O. Scott, J. C. Thompson, A. Walters, K. Brown, J. H. Raven, and others.

Several letters were read conveying "Hearty good wishes" to the newly-installed Master, and, with other general business, the council was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given and responded to. That of "The Newly-Installed Master" was proposed by Bro. Collin, and was well received.

Other toasts followed, and an agreeable evening was spent.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MANCHESTER.—Palatine Chapter (No 7).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ex. and P. Bro. Edwin Simpson, assisted by his officers, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Ill. Bro. Clement N. R. Beswicke Royds, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-Gen. North Western District, and Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-Gen. of the North Eastern District, were received under an arch of steel and saluted.

The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. W. O. Walker, 30°, M.W.S. elect, was presented to Ill. Bro. Royds, 33°, who installed him into the chair of his predecessors in his usual impressive manner, and after receiving the salutations of his brethren he appointed his officers for the year. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the two illustrious brethren of the N.W. and N.E. districts for attending and assisting in the ceremonies. The chapter was closed in due form.

The banquet was most excellent at the Queen's Hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S., having on his right Ill. Bros. Royds, 30°; Banister, 33°; Stephen Smith, 32°; Geo. Mellor, R. H. Hutchison, James Heelis, James MacLaren, Schuster, all of 30°; Major R. F. Ballatine, and others; and on his left Bro. E. Simpson, I.P.M.W.S., Robt. McDowell Smith, 31°; T. Hargreaves, N. A. Earle, J. F. Hoffguard, J. H. P. Leresche, Peter Royle, M.D., Lieut-Col. S. W. Wilkinson, all of 30°; Woodall, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair. Ill. Bro. Banister returned thanks for his health being proposed in a very flattering manner by the M.W.S., also Ill. Bro. Beswicke Royds for his health, and in a telling speech proposed "The Health of the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. Wm. Ormerod Walker, 30°," who, after responding, proposed "The Health of the Ill. brethren of the 32°, 31°, and 30°," which were received most heartily and responded to. Other toasts were duly honoured, and the evening spent most harmoniously.

NEWCASTLE - ON - TYNE.—Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—A meeting of the above chapter was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street. The chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Henry Maddison, assisted by the officers of the chapter. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General of the District; Ill. Bro. Col. James Monks, 30°; Ex. and Pt. Bro. Henry Hotham, P.M.W.S.; and others. One candidate was perfected by the M.W.S. very satisfactorily, and the business of the chapter over, it was closed in due form.

The brethren assembled in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Henry Maddison, when, after full justice was done to the good things prepared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were done ample justice, both by proposer and those who returned thanks. Songs and sentiment added to the harmony, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Chapter (No. 10).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 17th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, when the chapter was opened by the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. Patrick Murrey Hunter, assisted by his officers. Ill. Bro. C. N. R. Beswick Royds, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General of the North-Western District, was received under an arch of steel and saluted. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of apology were read from several brethren who were unable to attend. The M.W.S. elect was duly presented for installation to Ill. Bro. Clement Beswicke Royds, S.G.I.G., 33°, who performed the ceremony with his usual care.

After the officers had been appointed and the business of the chapter over, it was closed, and the brethren met at the Adelphi Hotel for banquet, which was enjoyed, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and responded to.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Chapter (No. 96).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 15th ult. The M.W.S., Ex. and Pt. Bro. John Bailey, presided, assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. J. J. Wilks, 30°, was presented to Ill. Bro. Charles R. Fry, 30°, P.M.W.S., for installation, and the ceremony was performed with great care and solemnity. The following officers for the year were appointed: Ex. and Pt. Bro. John Bailey, as I.P.M.W.S.; Rev. C. Jackson, Prelate; Ill. Bros. T. Ness, 30°, 1st General; S. Wilson, 2nd General; Henry Maddison, 30°, Treasurer; T. M. Barron, Recorder; W. Logan, Grand Marshal; Edwin Cowper, Raphael; C. H. Backhouse, Herald; S. F. Bousfield, P.M.W.S., Captain of the Guard; and Thos. Prince, Outer Guard.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Ill. Bro. C. R. Fry, 30°, for the perfect manner in which the ceremony was conducted. Letters of apology were received from Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-General of the North-Eastern District, illness preventing his attendance, and several others. Business over, the chapter was closed in due form.

The banquet was held in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. J. J. Wilks, 30°. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and several social hours were spent to the satisfaction of all.

We understand it is the intention of the friends of Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson to nominate him for the office of Grand Treasurer (with his consent, which has been given), for the year 1888-9.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., was in the chair, and there were present Bros. John Bulmer, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; J. E. Dawson, Charles Kempton, F. Adlard, Alex. Forsyth, Hugh Cotter, C. H. Driver, Joseph Freeman, J. Newton, C. H. Hill, Walter Martin, C. F. Hogard, S. Brooks, W. Belchamber, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; E. M. Money, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of four annuitants on the Male Fund, and that he had received a cheque for £1000 from Grand Lodge, being the amount voted in March last towards the requirements of the Institution.

The Wardens' report was read, and a vote of thanks passed to the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for having granted permission to the School Band to attend at the Institution at Croydon on the occasion of the recent visit paid by the Festival Stewards.

The report of the Finance Committee was read, moved, and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

An application from the widow of a late annuitant for half of her husband's annuity was read and acceded to, and five petitions (two males and three widows) were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May, 1888.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.



The annual summer entertainment to the Old Folks at Croydon has been arranged to take place on Thursday, the 28th instant.

The regular meeting of the Davison Mark Lodge, No. 331, took place at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, on Thursday afternoon.

The Henry Levander Chapter will meet tomorrow (Saturday), at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, when the present M.E.Z., Comp. W. M. Styles, will install E. Comp. W. A. Scurrah as First Principal.

The Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205, Gravesend, which is intended for members of the Temple Yacht Club, will be consecrated on Wednesday, the 27th inst., by Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent. We hear it starts under very favourable auspices, and with every prospect of success.

A warrant for a new Mark Lodge in the Straits Settlements, to be known as the Gottlieb Lodge, No. 382, Penang, has been granted, and so has the prayer of the petitioners for a warrant for a Mark Lodge, No. 383, to be established for the convenience of the members of the Craft Lodge St. George, No. 2025, Plymouth.

A Moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, on Friday next, the 22nd inst. At the conclusion of the business, a lodge of emergency of All Saints' Mark Lodge, Weymouth, No. 126, will be held, and Bro. the Right Rev. A. W. Sillitoe, D.D., Lord Bishop of New Westminster, British Columbia, will be advanced to the Degree of M.M.M., the Grand Officers performing the ceremony.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, will lay, with Masonic honours, the foundation stone of the New Parochial Rooms in connection with St. Jude's Church, Dulwich-road, on Thursday next, the 21st inst., at 5 p.m. The site of the intended structure is in the Railton-road, a short distance from Herne Hill Station. The brethren will assemble in the schoolrooms adjoining. Information as to tickets of admission may be obtained on application to Bro. T. C. Martin, 6, Dulwich-road, or Bro. A. Rule, 141, Railton-road, S.E.

Bro. Potter, the popular acting-manager of the Gaiety, is to have a matinee on Saturday afternoon next (the 23rd inst.), when, we believe, the "Monte Christo Jr." company will return to the theatre for the occasion. We have no hesitation in saying that he will have a bumper benefit. Bro. Potter is so well known, and is held in such high esteem by every one who knows him or has business transactions with him. It has been our privilege to see his perfect rendering of the Masonic ritual, and whatever he takes in hand our brother does well. Bro. Potter is besides an ardent supporter of the Charities, and we hope he will be well supported on the 23rd.

The 26th annual conclave of the G. Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri was held in the city of St. Louis, on Tuesday, the 10th May. Sir Knight Joseph S. Browne, G.C., presided, and the attendance was the largest ever known, there being present the representatives of 44 out of the 47 commanderies in the State. The business dealt with matters chiefly of local interest, and included the grant of 250 dollars towards the expenses of the Masonic Home; the issue of four new charters for commanderies—Nos. 48-51—and the repeal of one; the delivery of the Grand Commander's address; and the election of the Grand Officers for the year, who are as follows: Sir Knights Eli H. Mix, G. Commander; Allen McDowell, Dep. G. Commander; R. McCullach, G.G.; W. H. Stone, G.C.G.; Rev. C. C. Woods, G. Prelate; C. C. Allen, S.G.W.; John H. Brown, J.G.W.; Will. P. Mullen, G. Treasurer; W. H. Mayo, G. Recorder; E. B. Overstreet, G. Standard Bearer; J. C. Hearne, G. Sword Bearer; D. W. Wallace, G. Ward.; and John W. Owen, G. Sent.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The stomach and its troubles cause more discomfort and bring more unhappiness than is commonly supposed. The thousand ills that settle there may be prevented and dislodged by the judicious use of these purifying Pills, which act as a sure, gentle, and anti-acid aperient, without annoying the nerves of the most susceptible, or irritating the most delicate organisation. Holloway's Pills will bestow comfort and confer relief on every headachy, dyspeptic, and sickly sufferer, whose tortures make him a burden to himself and a nuisance to his friends. These Pills have long been the popular remedy for a weak stomach, for a disordered liver, or a paralysed digestion, which yield without difficulty to the regulating, purifying, and tonic qualities.—[Adv't.]

The reception of the Knight Templar Pilgrims from America in their character of Craft Masons by the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, will take place on Thursday next, the 21st instant, at the Criterion.

Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer, has come forward in the liberal interest to contest the vacancy caused in the Basingstoke division of Hampshire by the creation of Mr. Sclater-Booth as a peer of the United Kingdom.

There will be a meeting to-morrow (Saturday), at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden Square, of the Royal Bruce Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland, when the installation of the T.R.S.T.A. and the investiture of officers will take place.

It will be seen by an advertisement in another column that the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held this year at Romford. The 26th of July is the date fixed, and as the Great Eastern Railway Company have offered every facility to brethren attending the meeting, we anticipate a large gathering.

Enterprise and "Arcadia" are likely to be closely associated during the coming months, and one of the earliest proofs of the truth of this assertion will be furnished to-morrow (Saturday), when, for the first time in England, a Grand Battle of Flowers will be fought within the area of the North London Fairground. Five tons of flowers will be supplied for the use of the visitors desiring to enter into the mimic strife which is so popular at the gay carnivals of Southern France. Merrie Islington will resound with the loud artillery of laugh and jest in this modern and joyous War of the Roses, and coupled with the other extraordinary attractions of this charming resort, the Battle of Flowers will make as many people happy as its prototype in the days of York and Lancaster made miserable.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will hold their second annual summer festival at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Thursday, the 28th inst. Bro. T. A. Dickson, W.M. of the parent lodge, will preside, and will be supported by Bro. Harry W. Kedgley, I.P.M., and a strong force of active and energetic brethren with Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, as Secretary. Tickets, inclusive of return railway journey, excursion in brakes to Cobham, banquet with wine, &c., price 21s. each, to be had of Bro. T. A. Dickson, Bro. H. W. Kedgley, the Stewards, or Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., 3, St. James's Square, Pall Mall, S.W.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held in the City of Providence, on the 16th May last. There was a full attendance, and the business was dispatched as usual, promptly and satisfactorily. The following are the Grand Officers for the current year, viz.: Bros. the Rev. W. N. Ackley, M.W. G.M.; Sam. G. Stiness, D.G.M.; George H. Kenyon, S.G.W.; David S. Baker, J.G.W.; Darius B. Davis, G. Treas.; Edwin Baker, G. Sec.; Rev. H. W. Rugg, G. Chap.; Cyrus M. Van Slyck, S.G.D.; William H. Crawley, J.G.D.; C. H. Alexander, S.G. Stwd.; George W. Pettis, J.G. Stwd.; Charles R. Dennis, G. Marshal; Charles C. Clerk, G.S.B.; A. H. Williams, G. Purst.; John P. Luther, G. Lecturer; Charles L. Kenyon, G. Mus. Dir.; and Ebenezer B. White, G. Tyler.

TOURIST SEASON.—LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The arrangements made by the Directors of the London and North-Western Railway Company for the convenience of tourists, have been recognised for some time past as being as nearly perfect as possible. Economy, facility of access, and regularity of service, are the three desiderata to which the Board have turned their attention most particularly, and we know the verdict of the general public has been to the effect that their attention has not been directed in vain, but that they have succeeded in meeting the wishes of the public, and especially of the tourists, in respect of all these conditions. Their tariff of charges is moderate, whether we have regard to short journeys or long ones, to circumscribed tours, or those which are more extended both in time and distance. Tickets are issued which are available for a certain length of time, and may be extended at a reasonable additional charge for any further period that may be required, up to the 31st December, 1887. The Company's lines are in communication with the lines of others as well as with the different steamboat and coach services throughout the country, so that it matters little where intending tourists have their *habitat* they will experience but little difficulty in reaching the district or country they purpose visiting. As regards the regularity and punctuality of the service nothing could well be better, while the convenience and comfort of the passengers are carefully studied, especially in connection with the refreshment department, which is of the very greatest moment on journeys of any length. Those who desire further information than is possible in the short compass of a modest paragraph will find or obtain all they want either in the Company's Time Tables or at the Terminus at Euston, or the chief Metropolitan Stations and booking offices. Or they may obtain the special programmes which are published by the Company, of "Summer Tours in England and Scotland," "England and Ireland by the London and North-Western Routes," and the "Tourist Guide to North Wales." These contain all necessary particulars about prices, train service, &c., &c., and in addition some good maps and illustrations of places worth visiting. In fine, the London and North-Western Company has made its usual arrangements for the present tourist season, and where there was a chance, no matter how slight, of amending or extending them, it has done so most generously.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.
WEBB.—On the 9th inst., at Alveston Hill, Stratford-on-Avon, the wife of E. J. Webb, Capt. 4th Batt. Worcester Regiment, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.
THOMAS—CHITTY.—On the 7th inst., at the Parish Church, Leatherhead, Surrey, Bro. G. Trevor Harley Thomas, Surgeon Army Medical Staff, son of Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., to Mary (May), only child and heiress of the late Thomas Chitty, and only grandchild of the late Bartholomew Chitty of Leatherhead.

DEATH.
WASHINGTON.—July 1st, at his residence, 23, Stafford-street, Liverpool, very suddenly, Bro. Richard Washington, P.M. 1094, P.P.S.G.D., &c.; aged 67.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, July 16, 1887.

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

- SATURDAY, JULY 16.**
Lodge 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
" 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
" 1861, Claremont, Crown Hot., Chertsey, Surrey.
Chap. 382, Royal Union, Chequer Hot., Uxbridge.
" 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
" 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1556, Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, Croydon.
" 2048, Henry Levander, Railway H., Harrow Station.
Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 354, Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7. [S.E., 7.30.
'Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill,

- MONDAY, JULY 18.**
Lodge 2060, La France, Café Royal, Regent-st.
Chap. 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Soaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq.,
Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion,
Piccadilly, W., 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st.,
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper
Norwood, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

- TUESDAY, JULY 19.**
Summer Outing of the Domestic Lodge at Kempton Park.
Board of General Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London
Bridge.
" 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 2191, Anglo-American, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Chap. 829, High Cross, Bull Hot., Dartford.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 2021, Queen's Westminster, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 6.30.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington
Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.,
E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.

- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

- WEDNESDAY, JULY 20.**
Reception of American Knight Templars by the
Ebor Preceptory at York.
General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.
Board of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 778, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Ham-
mersmith, 7.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Vic-
toria Park, at 8.
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane,
Poplar, 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

- THURSDAY, JULY 21.**
House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1227, Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
" 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot., Waltham
Cross.
" 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1903, Duke of Albany, Albert Palace, Battersea Park.
Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for
Boys, Brook-hill, Plumstead.
Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's
Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
well, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite
Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Eliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st.,
City, E.C., at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct-
road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon
Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich,
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-
rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-
rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

- FRIDAY, JULY 22.**
Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire.
Metropolitan College—Reception of American
Rosicrucians at the Masonic Hall, 16a, Great
Queen-street, W.C.
Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

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Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane. 73 0.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith W., at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W. 8
Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-
sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

- SATURDAY, JULY 23.**
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton-court.
" 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-
viaduct.
" 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Masons Avenue.
" 1777, Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham.
" 2048, Henry Lavender, Harrow Station, Wealdstone.
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