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WE are very pleased to learn from the address delivered by Bro. the Earl of ZETLAND, Prov. Grand Master, at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, that steps have been taken to form a Provincial Masonic Educational Fund to assist in educating those Masons' children who are unable, or until they are able, to obtain admission into the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls; that a considerable sum has already been raised for the purposes of this Fund, and that, in accordance with its by-laws, the first annual Festival will be held in May, 1889, by which time it is to be hoped that the position of the Fund will be established on a sufficiently sound basis to allow of a commencement being made. We are always delighted to hear of associations of this character being set on foot. They do a world of good locally; indeed, there are many who prefer to have their children or wards partially provided for in this manner to having them removed from home to a distance; and there can be no doubt that in time, as the number of these local organisations increases, they will have the effect of lightening the serious demands which are constantly being made on the great central Institutions. But be this as it may, we congratulate our North and East Yorkshire brethren on having taken this important step, and we trust that, for the sake of the province and the children in whom it is so directly interested, as well as for the sake of our central Charities, their efforts to place this Fund on a sound basis will prove successful.

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Bro. Lord BROOKE had an easy and an agreeable task before him when, for the second time in his career as Prov. G.M. of Essex, he visited Colchester early in the course of the present month for the purpose of presiding at the annual meeting of his Prov. G. Lodge. There was, as might be expected, a full attendance of brethren, every one of the 28 lodges in the province being represented, and the various reports which were submitted for consideration were all of them of the most encouraging character. The Prov. G. SECRETARY announced a substantial increase in the number of subscribing members from 1173 in 1887 to 1264, and the Auditors' statement showed that the balances in the hands of the Prov. G. Treasurer on the General and Charity Funds together exceeded £100, that on the General Fund being over £90, and that on the Charity Fund over £14. There was one slight drawback from the favourable nature of the reports in the shape of a complaint by the Charity Committee that some of the larger holders of votes had not given as much support as they might have done to the provincial candidates and this was attributed to the practice of printing the names of those who sent votes, on which it was at once determined that the practice should be discontinued. There was also a long discussion on the subject of borrowing votes, and it was even proposed that the Committee should give up borrowing till those owing by the province had been paid. In the end, however, it was very wisely determined to do nothing that could fetter the action of the Charity Committee. Of course, in his annual address, the PROV. G. MASTER spoke in very laudatory terms of the progress which had been made by Freemasonry in Essex since his installation five years ago, and he was also pleased to pay a very high, yet very just, compliment to his learned Deputy, Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, to whom especial honour has recently been paid by the constitution of the Philbrick Lodge, and who, his lordship announced, had kindly consented to remain in office and give him the benefit of his valuable assistance for at least another year. His lordship concluded his remarks by throwing out a suggestion that next year the Provincial Grand Lodge should meet in the vicinity of his residence at Easton Lodge, where no effort would be wanting on his part in order to secure

the success of the meeting and render it in every way agreeable. As regards the new Prov. Grand Officers, the selection appeared to be received with general favour, but there was a contest for the Prov. G. Treasurership, in which, however, Bro. A. DURRANT, who had already held the office for nine years, was returned by a narrow majority, a resolution being subsequently passed to the effect that no brother should hold the office for more than two years. Both the Prov. G. Master and his Deputy were at the pains of pointing out that such a resolution would not be binding on future Provincial Grand Lodges, as, by the Book of Constitutions, the appointment was an annual one, and so the subject was dropped. What advantage is likely to result to the province from passing an abstract resolution such as this is not very apparent. The brethren, if they are so disposed, can elect a fresh Prov. G. Treasurer every year, but we would remind them that a Prov. G. Treasurer, unlike the Grand Treasurer, has certain duties to perform, and a certain responsibility to bear; and it is customary, when a brother has fulfilled these duties and borne this responsibility for a term of years, to leave him, if he wishes it, in undisturbed possession of his office. The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will not be doing seriously wrong if they know how to retain the services of a good officer, when they have one who has served them with so much zeal and advantage as Bro. DURRANT has for the last nine years.

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WE congratulate the members of that ancient and honourable Lodge—All Souls', No. 170, Weymouth—on the success of the proceedings at the re-opening of their Hall on Thursday, the 9th instant. The interior of the building had been entirely re-arranged and very handsomely re-decorated, and it was in the order of things that the re-opening should have been made the occasion for a more than usually brilliant ceremony appropriate to the circumstances, and that invitations to be present should have been issued to many among the more prominent members of the Craft. The result of the endeavours of Bro. MILLEDGE, W.M., who had charge of all the arrangements, was most satisfactory, the local brethren being in great force, while among the brighter and more particular luminaries of the Order present were Bros. W. E. BRYMER, D.P. G.M.; J. M. P. MONTAGU, Past D.P.G.M., and G. Superintendent (R.A.) of Dorsetshire; Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec.; Rev. W. M. HEATH, Past G. Chap.; and Sir RICHARD N. HOWARD, J.G.D. The proceedings, both in the lodge and at the banquet that followed, passed off admirably, not the least interesting portion in the former being the concise historical sketch of All Souls', which had been compiled with great care by Bro. A. SHERREN, Secretary, and was read by him for the edification of those who were present. We regret to say that, as with the majority of our old lodges, the materials for an unbroken history were not forthcoming, but Bro. SHERREN was able to demonstrate clearly enough that the career of the lodge had been a distinguished one in the past, and to us it seems almost impossible to doubt that its future will be equally prosperous and distinguished. At all events, it has our hearty good wishes for its future well-being, and may rely with certainty upon our being always prepared to render it any service in our power.

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NOTHING is to be gained by prolonging a controversy, in which neither side is likely to be convinced, even when its statements are shown to be erroneous. We are sorry to hear the *New Zealand Freemason* is no longer in existence, though it has experienced a better fate than is the lot of many Masonic journals, which promise well, and then for lack of due appreciation pass out of existence. It lives again in the *New Zealand Masonic Journal*, with which it has been incorporated, and which renews its opinions as calmly as if they had never been successfully controverted. In our article of the 31st March last we asserted—and the justice of the assertion is allowed by the *New Zealand Masonic Journal*—that the sums remitted by colonial lodges to our Grand Lodge consisted of fees "for warrants and registration," and that Colonial lodges paid no quarterages. Our contemporary now argues that it does not matter "what name may be applied to the fees so levied—whether 'warrant fees,' 'registration fees,' or otherwise," these remittances are a serious drain upon their resources. We maintain that these fees are unobjectionable, on the ground that our Grand Lodge gives a fair equivalent in the shape of warrants, certificates, and registration of membership. If

our contemporary considers that these should be supplied gratuitously, let it say so boldly and we shall know how the land lies. But our colonial brethren are not all of the same mind, as we clearly showed a fortnight since in an article relating to this subject, and, in lieu of further argument, we prefer resting our case on the statement, then referred to, by the District Grand Treasurer of Queensland, in order to correct "the general impression that very large sums of money were 'sent home' as it was termed." Said that officer: "The fact is, the only fees remitted to Grand Lodge are 7s. 6d. for each initiate, and for this the brother is registered in the Grand Lodge of England, and is entitled to the parchment Grand Lodge certificate, and that is the only fee paid from the colonies for the whole lifetime of the brother, unless he joins another lodge, when a single fee of 2s. 6d. is paid for registration. There are no annual fees whatever, either from lodges or individual Masons, and yet the brethren in the colonies are entitled to participate in all the Benevolent Institutions of the Grand Lodge of England." This statement is quoted from the printed proceedings of a regular communication held by the Dist. Grand Lodge of Queensland, on the 6th June last. We have said already that this testimony was made the subject of an article which appeared in these columns a fortnight since, and we have reproduced it in full now in order that our New Zealand contemporary may know whither to resort when it is in search of information about colonial lodges and their "remittances home."

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In our brief notice last week of the address delivered by Grand Master DELAP at the annual communication in February last of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi we expressed our belief, based on sundry of his remarks, that there had been latterly a very considerable diminution of prosperity in this jurisdiction; that is to say, if a large reduction in the number of subscribing members is to be taken as a criterion of prosperity. Bro. DELAP goes so far as to put this reduction in numbers at quite 5000 in the course of 10 years, the diminution in that time, according to his statement, having been from 12,000 to 7000. We are not prepared to offer any opinion on this reduction, that is, as to whether it does or does not imply a real loss of prosperity, but we question very much whether the principal step recommended by Bro. DELAP, and to a certain extent adopted by Grand Lodge, will have the desired effect of restoring to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi that fulness of membership on which it is pleased to lay so much stress. We note with considerable disgust that Bro. DELAP appears to look upon Freemasonry as a kind of benefit society. We judge so from the fact that in commenting on this loss of membership sustained by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, he says, "Ten years ago the Knights of Honour and kindred Societies were unknown here. In the meantime, these orders have entered the field, and have offered not only the social, and to some extent the benevolent features of ours, but have, in addition, an insurance feature which appeals directly to that in our nature that looks after the welfare and happiness of our loved ones, whom we must, soon or late, leave behind us, and all this for a modicum of what our Institutions demands for membership in it." We are not sufficiently well informed as to what kind of Society the "Knights of Order" may be, but we judge that it is what we have already referred to—a kind of benefit Society, which cannot exist prosperously without appealing for support to the outer world. Now "Masonry, venerable in age, grand in its teachings, and noble in its purposes," may be, as Bro. DELAP expresses it, "worth no more in the market than it will bring," but to us it is altogether a novel view of our Society to make its success or failure dependent on the goodwill and support of outsiders. We may have formed an exaggerated view of the nature of Freemasonry, but, rightly or wrongly, we have always regarded, as the great characteristic of the Craft, its absolute independence, for good or evil, of the world outside it in the matter of membership. Other societies look for support from the public, and lay themselves out to obtain it, but Freemasonry does not; and if Bro. DELAP and other leading Mississippian brethren are desirous of seeing Freemasonry in their jurisdiction as prosperous as it was 10 years ago, they will avoid appealing to the public for new members. It may suit them for the moment to cast ridicule on the opinion, advanced by many, "that it is unwise to cheapen Masonry, and all such stuff as that," but unless they wish to degrade Freemasonry they had better keep up their fees for initiation than lower them. It may happen that they will be fewer in number, but they will be a better class of men. It is not numbers, but character, that Freemasonry must look to if it would continue prosperous.

The Anglo-Danish Exhibition, which has been held at South Kensington, under the patronage of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, in aid of the British Home for Incurables, will be closed to-morrow (Saturday).

The street collection this year for the Hospital Saturday Fund has now been ascertained to amount to £5000, or some £500 more than in 1887, and the Workshop collection, which is due and payable on and after the 1st prox., is expected to realize about £10,000.

THE "RED BOOK."

The "Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown" is in a most prosperous condition, and never, in fact, was in such a flourishing state as now. No society could be better managed, and I venture to say that no branch of the Masonic body in England has, during the last quarter of a century, done so much to foster the study of the history and antiquities, and promote the formation of libraries relating to the Free and Accepted Masons, as it has.

Every year witnesses an accession of members and chapters, and an examination of the roll of the former proves that amongst the many who subscribe to the subordinate branches of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," not a few are taken from the most distinguished, zealous, and expert Craftsmen connected with the Grand Lodge of England.

Our Royal Grand Master is the Grand Patron of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and H.R.H. Duke of Connaught, Prov. G.M. for Sussex, &c., is an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. and Prov. G.M. of Somerset, is a Past S.G.C. of the 33°, and is a member of the Studholme Chapter, 18°, London. The Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M. and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, is the present official head of the Rite, the next in rank being Captain Philips, Past S.G.D. The Grand Treasurer General is Major General Clerk, Past S.G.D.; the Grand Chancellor is Bro. J. Montagu P. Montagu, Past G.D. and P.D. Prov. G.M. of Dorset; and R.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past District G.M. of Bengal, is the ever courteous Grand Secretary General. The remaining members of the "Supreme Council" are General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Colonel W. A. Adair, Past Prov. G.M. of Somerset; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; and the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M. of Bristol; two of the retired members being Past Prov. G. Masters of English provinces.

Of the officials mention should be made of Bros. Lieut.-Col. Burney, Past G.D., the D.C.; Frank Richardson, Past G.D., the A.D.C.; George Lambert, Past G.S.B., the W. of R.; C. E. Willing, Past G. Org., *Organist*; and Professor Lott, Past G. Org., the *Deputy Organist*.

There are eight Inspectors General 33° for England, who are the representatives of the Supreme Council in their several districts. For the *North Eastern* is Bro. C. J. Banister, Past G.S.B., who has seven chapters under his charge, viz., 8, Newcastle-on-Tyne; 16, Sheffield; 23, York; 68, Hull; 69, Huddersfield; 77, Leeds; and 96, Darlington.

Over the *North Western* presides Bro. Capt. C. R. N. B. Royds, Past G.D., who has to look after six chapters, viz., 7, Manchester; 19, Liverpool; 31, Bolton; 52, Lancaster; 75, Chester; and 102, held at times at Whitehaven, Keswick, and Kendal.

The *South Western* has Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Past G.D., P.D.P.G.M. Middlesex, as the local Ruler, and having eleven chapters to supervise our indefatigable brother cannot have a very easy position to fill, as they extend from Swansea to Truro, viz., 2, Exeter; 6 and 95, Bath; 13, Taunton; 20, Devonport; 28, Weston-Super-Mare; 34, Newport (Monmouth); 38, Plymouth; 61, Truro; 70, Swansea; and 104, Cardiff.

Colonel Burney, Past G.D., attends to the *South Eastern*, having 43, Brighton; 54, St. Leonards; 82, Canterbury; and 103, Dover, to see after, being a compact district.

The *West Central* embraces seven chapters as follows: 5, Birmingham; 12, Worcester; 15, Warwick; 17, Nottingham; 49, Gloucester; 63, Derby; and 92, Leicester; the last mentioned being one of the youngest and yet most active on the roll. These are all well attended to by Bro. Charles Fendelow, Past G. Std. Br.

Bro. Hamon-le-Strange presides over four chapters (22, Ipswich; 30, Cambridge; 40, Oxford; and 87, King's Lynn); and R.W. Bro. Montague J. Guest, Prov. G.M. Dorset, takes charge of seven chapters: 4, Weymouth; 9, Portsmouth; 25, Bournemouth; 39, Blandford; 41, Southampton; 89, Aldershot; and 99, Ryde; and for the Baldwyn Chapter, Bristol, Bro. W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D., officiates, that old chapter having an Inspector all to itself.

For abroad, there are Bro. Andrew Hay and R.W. Bro. the Hon. H. T. Prinsep, Dist. G.M. Bengal, who, together, have to supervise 12 chapters, viz., 18, Bombay; 21, Rangoon; 26, Lahore; 27, Madras; 32, Calcutta; 33, Punjab; 47, Singapore; 74, Allahabad; 76, Rawulpindee and Murec; 80, Simla and Umballa; 90, Kurrachee; and 100, Meerut and Mussoorie.

Under New Zealand, three Inspectors are noted—R.W. Bro. G. S. Graham, Dist. G.M. Auckland, Bro. Malcolm Niccol, and Dr. Deamer, Past A.G.D.C., the D. Prov. G.M. for Canterbury. These brethren preside over four chapters: 78, Christchurch; 88, Auckland; 91, Wellington; and 93, Wanganui.

For South Africa, R.W. Bro. S. Giddy is in charge of five chapters, situated at Kimberley (50); King William's Town (58); Port Elizabeth (81); Cape Town (60); and Barclay (83). For *Natal*, Bro. R. I. Finmore acts, and looks after 62, Pietermaritzburg, and 85, Durban.

There are many other chapters abroad, viz., 11, Melbourne; 14, Gibraltar; 35, Malta; 48 and 86, Jamaica; 55, George Town, B. Guiana; 73, Hong Kong; 84, St. John's, Antigua; and 106, East Griqualand. Then there is 108, Jersey, to be fairly classed under those at home, with no less than 16 chapters which meet in London, No. 1 assembling at the *Criterion*, Nos. 101, 105, and 107 at the *Mark* Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, and the remaining 12 are domiciled at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, the head-quarters of the Rite, their numbers being 3, 10, 29, 42, 44, 45, 53, 67, 71, 72, 79, and 97.

The total chapters on the roll, active and making "returns" to date, number 97, and with three "in abeyance" raise the grand total to 100, all

but one being consecutively numbered. The "Baldwyn" is at the head of the roll, as of "Immemorial" antiquity. Practically it dates about 1780. Two others, without numbers, are extinct, and for nine the warrants were surrendered, so that the last numbered chapter on the roll is 108, Jersey, of June 13th, 1888, showing very few chapters "not working" started during the last 50 years or so.

Of the "Unattached" members of the 33° are the R.W. Bros. E. Tyrrell Leith, P.D.G.M. Bombay; Samuel Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; Colonel Money, C.B., P.D.G.M. Punjab; Colonel Sir Charles H. Gregory, K.C.M.G., P.G.D.; Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex; James Glaisher, F.R.S., P.G.D.; Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire; and others.

Of other Provincial and District Grand Masters connected with the Rite may be mentioned Bros. Colonel William Stuart, for *Bedfordshire*; Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., for *Berks and Bucks*; the Earl of Bective, for *Cumberland and Westmorland*; Lord Brooke, for *Essex*; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., for *Hants and Isle of Wight*; Sir J. Russell Bailey, Bart., M.P., for *Herefordshire*; Colonel C. Lyne, for *Monmouthshire*; Lord Suffield, K.C.B., for *Norfolk*; the Earl of Euston, for *Norths and Hunts*; Sir George Elliot, M.P., for *South Wales (East Division)*; Lord Henniker, for *Suffolk*; Lord Leigh, for *Warwickshire*; Lord Methuen, for *Wilts*; Thos. Wm. Tew, for *West Yorkshire*; the Hon. Sir H. Burford Hancock, for *Gibraltar*; the Hon. C. P. Chater, for *Hong Kong and South China*; John Irwin Miller, for *North China*; Wm. Henry Stone, for *Japan*; C. A. Fairbridge, for *South Africa (Western Division)*; Robert I. Finnemore, for *Natal*; and Henry Thompson, for *Canterbury, New Zealand*; &c.

Of Present and Past Grand Officers and Deputy Provincial and District Grand Masters there are so many on the roll of the Rite as to render any selection of names exceedingly difficult and almost invidious. The fact is, the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite are most popular with many of the brightest and best in the Craft, and Grand Lodge and Provincial and District Grand Lodges have no lack of representatives.

Of the 32° there are 45 in England, three Honorary, and 10 residing abroad. There are 81 of the 31° on the register of English residents, 30 abroad, and one Honorary. The 30° embraces two Honorary, and nearly 500 members at home and abroad. We consider the Supreme Council has wisely increased the number of late years, for say, 20 years ago there were only about 100.

The Treasurer's account is printed in this new edition of the "Red Book," and is of a most cheering and satisfactory character, no less than £17,955 15s. being the certified assets of the Rite! The funds have not been niggardly used either, for in another table we note that the Charitable donations exceed £3000.

Another of the attractions in this most interesting annual is a map of England and Wales, "showing the districts of Inspectors General, with the positions of Rose Croix Chapters." A greater attraction still would be a revised Catalogue of the Library, Cabinet of Masonic Medals, and the Museum. This is much wanted, and would be much appreciated by the ever increasing body of Masonic students in the ranks of the Rite and of the Craft generally.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The following address was delivered by the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of ZETLAND, at the meeting held on the 8th instant, of which we gave a short report in our last :

Worshipful Brethren—Once more has our annual meeting assembled us together in this ancient town of Richmond. It is nearly 11 years since Provincial Grand Lodge was last held here, on which occasion the late Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Dr. Bell) and his predecessor (Bro. George Marwood) were present, and both took important parts in the business of the meeting. Since that time how many and great changes have taken place—those famous Masons who I have named have been taken to the Grand Lodge above, and we are now filling their places and emulating their examples. We live, worshipful brethren, in stirring and eventful times; this is truly an age of progress. Our beloved Craft has progressed of late years in a most remarkable manner, and our Charitable Institutions have been supported with the most unbounded liberality. I need scarcely refer to the recent Centenary Festival of the Masonic Girls' School, held on 7th June last, when £50,617 were subscribed, being the largest amount ever collected at a Charity meeting. With the increase in our Order there has of course been a corresponding increase in our responsibilities, and I am informed that the applications for relief from this province to the Board of Benevolence in London have of late been much more numerous than formerly. At our last meeting we established an Educational Fund for this province, and commenced it with a donation of £100, the Minerva Lodge has contributed 20 guineas, and the eight brethren to whom Charity jewels were presented have all generously given the cost of the same to the Fund, which has now £182 to its credit. In accordance with the by-laws, it is hoped to celebrate the first Festival of this Fund in May next, when I trust the contributions of the lodges and brethren will be worthy of the excellent object we have in view, namely, to assist the education of Masons' children of this province who are unable to obtain, or until they can obtain, admission to the great Schools of our Order. Full details of the scheme will be circulated, and the by-laws can be obtained from the Prov. Grand Secretary. Invitations have been received for the holding of our meeting next year from the Humber,

Camalodunum, and Falcon Lodges, but as 26 years have elapsed since we last visited the Humber Lodge, I shall accept that invitation, and hope to meet the brethren next year at Hull; at the same time expressing my thanks to the brethren of the Camalodunum and Falcon Lodges, and shall trust to be able to accept their hospitality on future occasions. To the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Lennox Lodge our cordial thanks are due for their kindness and hospitality, and I would particularly mention the valuable services which have been rendered by W. Bro. Henry Procter, P.P.A.G.D.C., upon whom have devolved the principal arrangements for this meeting, and upon which he has bestowed so much care and attention.

CONSECRATION OF VICTORIA JUBILEE CHAPTER, No. 1555.

The consecration of this chapter marks an important advance in the interest of Freemasonry in the Eastern Archipelago. The ceremony was ably and impressively conducted by Comps. J. T. Leask, P.Z. 508, D.D. G.M., M.E., and T. Cargill, P.Z. 508, P.D.D.G.M.; assisted by Comp. J. P. B. Beal, Z. 1555, P.D.S.G.W., and the following companions of the Order: Comps. J. R. MacFarlane, D.G. Std. Br.; J. G. Koch, W. Reid, G. Griffin, W. Cowan, F. H. Gottlieb, and C. Buckell.

In conducting the ceremony, the ancient rites and observances of the Order were all duly complied with, and the blessing of T.G.A.O.T.U. was invoked upon the newly consecrated and constituted chapter.

The inaugural oration was effectively delivered by Comp. T. CARGILL, followed by the General Invocation given by Comp. J. T. LEASK. A solemn prayer for the future prosperity and welfare of the chapter terminated this part of the proceedings.

No less than six brethren presented themselves as candidates for exaltation in the newly-consecrated chapter, viz.: Bros. Christiansen, J. H. Lumberg, H. T. Newton, C. R. Crawford, W. J. Buswell, and T. Rex. This circumstance argues extremely well for the progress and ultimate success of the chapter.

The exaltation ceremony was imposingly performed by Comp. T. Cargill. Comp. J. P. Beal, who had already been installed as Z. in the Royal Dalhousie Chapter, No. 508, Singapore, then took his seat as First Principal, and the installation of the Second and Third Principals, Comps. G. Griffin and K. L. Christiansen, was then proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by Comp. J. T. Leask, assisted by Comp. T. Cargill.

The First Principal then proceeded to invest the following officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. R. MacFarlane, S.E.; J. G. Koch, S.N.; W. Reid, P.S.; H. T. Newton, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. Rex, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and J. H. Lumberg, Janitor.

Votes of thanks were then given to Comps. J. T. Leask and T. Cargill for their able and efficient services, and the companions unanimously elected them as honorary members.

"Hearty good wishes" having been received from the visiting companions, the chapter was closed.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. E. W. PARKER AS GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PUNJAB.

The vacancy in the office of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of the Punjab, caused by the lamented death of Comp. Colonel Anthony Stewart, has at length been filled up, his successor, Comp. E. Woodall Parker, having been installed at a regular convocation held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on the 8th March last.

Comp. Capt. R. F. Castellari, Past Dist. G. Scribe N., presided as acting G. Superintendent, and was supported by

Comps. Colonel O. Menzies, as Dist. G.H.; Dr. B. L. Ghose, Dist. G. Treasurer, as Dist. G.J.; J. J. Davies, D.G. Scribe E.; W. Bull, Past Dist. G. Treasurer, as Dist. G. Scribe N.; Mark Carroll, D.G. Registrar; P. C. Mukerjee, as D.G. Pr. Sojourner; E. Farrance, as Dist. G. 1st A.S.; J. Russell, as Dist. G. 2nd A.S.; P. P. Nath, as D.G.S.B.; P. M. Nath, as D.G. Std. Br.; Charles Brown, as D.G.D.C.; D. A. Spankie, as D.A.G.D.C.; and E. I. Manasseh, as D.G. Janitor.

Dist. G. Chapter having been opened, and the summons convening the meeting read, the minutes of the proceedings of the regular convocation on the 26th March, 1887, having been printed and circulated, were, on motion duly made and seconded, taken as read and confirmed.

The acting G. SUPERINTENDENT stated that the next business was the installation of the G. Superintendent designate, in succession to the late Comp. Col. Anthony Stewart, and Comp. E. Woodall Parker having been announced as being in attendance, Comp. Carroll, Dist. G. Registrar, was directed to retire and conduct him into the presence, on which Comp. Parker was admitted and presented.

The DIST. G. REGISTRAR having read the patent of appointment, Comp. Parker was forthwith installed in office by Comp. Capt. CASTELLARI, the latter having previously addressed a few appropriate remarks to Comp. Parker. Thereupon Comp. Parker was proclaimed and saluted, and at once proceeded to invest the following as Dist. G. Officers for the year 1888-9, namely:

- Comp. Col. Oswald Menzies Dist. G.H.
- " Capt. R. F. Castellari Dist. G.J.
- " J. J. Davies Dist. G.S.E.
- " Major L. W. Taylor Dist. G.S.N.
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- " P. C. Mukerjee Dist. 2nd A.G. Soj.

Comp. Capt. J. F. D. Fordyce	Dist. G. Swd. Br.
" A. R. Smith	Dist. G. Std. Br.
" Lieut. T. J. Gordon-Carry ...	...	...	Dist. G.D.C.
" Major R. J. Pike ...	...	...	Dist. A.G.D.C.
" C. Cursetjee... ..	...	...	Dist. G. Org.
" E. Farrance ... ..	...	...	Dist. A.G.S.E.

The M.E. the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the District Grand Chapter to the following effect: "Most Excellent Comps. Castellari and Menzies, and Companions—I have to thank you for the manner of my installation to-night as Grand Superintendent of this district. My appointment to this office now places me at the head of the Fraternity in the District in a full and complete sense. The Holy Royal Arch Degree is the final step on the Masonic ladder, and represents the completion of one's education. Therefore, to rule over the Royal Arch means to rule over those Masons who have attained to the greatest perfection in the science. This is no small honour, and I feel more diffidence in accepting so high an office than I did in accepting the chief office in Craft Masonry. I can only say I will endeavour to do my best." Addressing Comp. Menzies, the Grand Superintendent said—"Comp. Menzies, the office of Second Grand Principal devolves under our by-laws upon the Deputy District Grand Master, provided he holds or has passed the P.Z.'s chair in this Degree. When I got my warrant you had not so qualified, and I accordingly selected Comp. Castellari, a companion who perhaps is better qualified for the highest office in Grand Chapter than any other companion in the district, including myself, to be my principal supporter and adviser. You have since taken the P.Z.'s chair of Chapter Punjab, and on hearing you had done so Comp. Castellari at once offered to resign the high office offered to him in your favour. In doing this, Comp. Castellari has only exemplified the excellence of my original selection of himself. He has thus shown a spirit of self-abnegation for the general good which we should all strive to possess and exercise. He felt that the Deputy District Grand Master would be the best person to hold the Second Principalship also, in order that in the unity of counsel the Government of the Fraternity might gain strength, and that undivided authority was the most useful. He knew that the by-law on the subject had been framed with this object, and he himself voluntarily and without solicitation gave way. You, Comp. Menzies, thus became Second Principal instead of Third, and I know your worth so well that I feel gratified and honoured to have you associated with me in this high office. Your assistance and advice will help us to discharge the responsibilities with efficiency. We shall, however, both share the advice and support of Comp. Castellari as Third Principal, and I think that alone will re-assure us in accepting our offices. (Comp. Colonel Oswald Menzies was then invested with the insignia of his office as Dist. G.H.) Comp. Castellari, in investing you as Third Principal, I need not again draw attention to the example you have set by the way in which you gave up your right to the Second Principal's chair. We shall hope to see you soon take that place in the ordinary course when you take it by right of another high office."

Comp. Capt. R. F. Castellari was also invested with the insignia of his office as D.G.J. The other officers present were also invested, the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT making a few suitable remarks in each case. "In conclusion" added the Grand Superintendent "we must all regret the loss to ourselves of those companions who have been called to join the Grand Chapter above; for themselves, we can only believe that their sphere of usefulness has been extended beyond the realms of human knowledge."

The Report of the proceedings of the Committee of General Purposes was read, the statement of accounts, which showed a balance of upwards of 1137 rupees in the Agra Bank, being very satisfactory. On motion made by Comp. C. BROWN, acting D.G.D.C., seconded by Comp. D. A. SPANKIE, acting Dist. A.G.D.C., this Report, with the recommendations it contained, was accepted.

On the motion of Comp. Col. O. MENZIES, D.G.H., seconded by Comp. Captain CASTELLARI, D.G.J., Comp. Dr. B. L. GHOSE, was re-elected Dist. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Comp. Col. Menzies having been nominated by the G. Superintendent as a member of the Committee of General Purposes, and Comps. C. Brown and P. C. Mukerjee having been elected on the same Committee by Dist. G. Chapter, a number of letters of apology for non-attendance were read and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and the remaining business having been dispatched, District G. Chapter was closed with the usual formalities.

BEHOLD THIS RUIN.

"There is a very modern school of Masonic thought, that thinks a great deal of itself, and deserves to be thought of, which propagates the idea that Freemasonry in its essentials as we have it to-day was born in the year 1717, at the formation of the 'Moderns' Grand Lodge of England in the Apple Tree Tavern, London. This school assumes to be 'par excellence' the scholarly, the authentic school in Masonry. It has some of the most prominent and thoughtful writers in Freemasonry as its sponsors and advocates. We highly esteem these brethren, but, with all deference to their erudition and their critical ability, we submit that they err themselves, and are the parents of greater errors in others. Unintentionally they disparage the Craft, and misrepresent radical facts. They remind us of the views of an old Philadelphian, one Lewis Evans, who in 1749 published a map of Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware, a copy of which, in 1832, was presented to the American Philosophical Society. One of the favourite theories of this Mr. Evans was, that 'this earth was made at the Creation from the ruins of another.' We know what that necessarily implies—there was no continuity of existence; there was no life on the old

globe transferred to and perpetuated on the new: it was a case of chaos reformed. The dust and ashes of the old were simply the *dead* material into which the Great Architect of the Universe spoke material *life*. Is our Freemasonry, as related to the pre-1717 Freemasonry, comparable to this? Is our Freemasonry, in its essential principles, and in all of its forms, an eighteenth century novelty? We do not believe it; we cannot believe it; the evidence of pre-1717 lodge records forbids it. A number of lodges were in active life for many years both before and after the year 1717. They were no 'ruins' nor 'corpses.' Nor may one dogmatise with certainty concerning the non-existence of 'Degrees' before 1717, or of 'General Supervisors,' or 'Grand Masters,' or of 'Grand Lodges.' Brethren who are hasty in their conclusions, and so ready to make positive assertions founded upon negative evidence, may, and we think will, in the course of time, after the discovery of ancient facts now lost to history, have to withdraw their sweeping assertions. Our Fraternity is, and always has been, a secret one. It does not even now spread everything on its minutes, and anciently it was far more particular in this and kindred respects. Besides, the most of the records of the aforesaid are lost; but they may be recovered. During the past 20 years very many original Masonic records have been recovered. We have faith that others yet to be discovered will authenticate, more positively than any we now have do, the absolute continuity of Masonry, and demonstrate that the Grand Lodge of 1717 was born of legitimate parentage, and reproduces the parents' lineaments and qualities. Life existed, activity existed; yet it was more or less local, not general. *But the Freemasonry was radically the same.* As long as it has been known as Freemasonry it has been a brotherhood, a fraternity, including Apprentices, Fellows, and Masters, actual builders and speculative builders, as now. Of course it found its origin in the operative art; but who can fix the time when speculative Masons—that is, non-operatives as distinguished from builders—composed no part of the Craft? Some one has said, 'those who go fraud-hunting bring home plenty of conceit and vain-glory in their game-bags, but seldom a feather of truth.' It is not either wise or witty to say that the Craft of to-day is a bastard, 'filius nullius.' Far from this, it is the parent itself, gifted with perennial life. Indeed, more—*Freemasonry is a Masonic corporation, not deriving its entity from the State, but existing by inherent power and authority.* Ask Edinburgh Lodge (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, possessing its minutes back to the year 1599, whether it is a bastard, whether it began in 1717. No one can assuredly say when this lodge did not exist. Changes, of course, in ritual, in Constitutions, in administration have occurred in Masonry during the past 300 years, but it is the same Masonry. Everything entrusted to human administration is subject to modification, but Freemasonry since it has been known has changed far less than religion, than politics, than social customs. Practically it is a unit, through all its extended career. We should, therefore, not state and emphasise what we do not know, nor dogmatise concerning the cloudy past. If there be doubt, give the Masonic past the benefit of that doubt. Do not argue the modern character of the principles and practices of the Freemasonry of to-day. Has the scalpel revealed the fountain of life, the springs of motion, the essence of will, the mathematics of consciousness, the laws of the understanding? No more has the pen of the 'authentic' modern Masonic historian revealed the 'Mystery of Freemasonry' as it was practised 300 years ago, or demonstrated that our Craft is a modern Institution, with borrowed authority, if that authority is not an invention of to-day!"—*Keystone.*

THE UNION OF AUSTRALIAN GRAND LODGES.

The report of the Committee appointed "To arrange a basis of union among the various bodies heretofore governing the fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the Colony of New South Wales," together with the proposed "Articles of Union," is now before us. From the preamble of the latter we learn that the rites and tenets of pure and ancient Freemasonry were first practised and taught in Australia by the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, No. 227 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in or about the year 1816; and were further perpetuated by the establishment of other lodges under the Constitutions of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and extended by the formation of the Provincial (now District) Grand Lodge of England, in 1839; of the Provincial (now District) Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the year 1858. That in the year 1877 the present Grand Lodge of New South Wales was formed, and that there are now under the English Constitution 80 lodges; under the Scotch, 55; and under that of New South Wales, 51. That expediency and the interests of the Craft require that perfect unity should be secured and maintained throughout that Colony, and therefore it is demanded that there shall be from henceforth perfect uniformity of obligation, of discipline, and working of lodges. It is therefore declared and agreed, that from and after St. John's Day, the 24th June, 1888, all the aforesaid bodies of Masons shall constitute one Grand Lodge, under the style of "The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales." That the leaders of the Craft in that Colony shall meet together on a day to be named, at a place indicated, to elect some distinguished brother as Grand Master; and that a Committee shall be appointed to define and determine all questions of precedence, rank, and appointments of all Grand Lodge Officers, with the understanding that all past ranks and appointments shall be confirmed and retained. In all other essential particulars, the lines on which our own Constitution was established appear to have been followed and adopted. The Committee conclude their report with the record of heartfelt pleasure at the brotherly feeling prevailing and evident desire for unity, as also of the dominant conciliatory spirit

which pervaded the whole of their deliberations. This *resumé* will show our readers that at length our New South Wales brethren are up and doing, and the much needed, long deferred union of Constitutions, and merging of divided interests into one perfect and powerful body, is now accomplished. The election, on the 16th July next, of V.W. Bro. his Excellency Lord Carrington, P.S.G.W. of England, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, will—as our Sydney contemporary points out—be a unique event in the history of Australian Masonry, while his exalted official position and eminent fitness for the office will be a sure guarantee of the success which must crown this most auspicious proceeding. To bring 186 lodges hitherto divided in their allegiance and interests, and probably differing in their workings and the laws controlling them, into one compact and harmonious whole, subject to one rule and acknowledging one head, is a triumph of diplomacy and generalship, as well as a grand example of oneness and sincerity of purpose, that neither Masonic records of this or any other previous century can exemplify. The obligation the New South Wales brethren are under to R.W. Bro. Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, for his mediation and representations at head quarters, must be acknowledged by all for whom he has exercised his special and important privileges. Nor should we be unmindful that among the true and trusty counsellors, whose advice and experience were sought and acted on, our own M.W. Grand Master played a worthy part in helping towards the realisation of Masonic unity among the brethren of the Mother Colony.—*South Australian Freemason.*

POWERS OF A GRAND MASTER.

We reproduce the following views on this subject as expressed by Bro. Mortimer Nye, M.W.G.M., in his address at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, at Indianapolis, in May last. According to Bro. Nye: "The idea seems to prevail in the minds of many members of the Fraternity that the Grand Master has the power at will to set aside any provision of the Constitution or standing rule or regulation of the Grand Lodge—in fact, that the Grand Master is the Grand Lodge to all intents and purposes, and often the most persistent efforts are employed to induce the Grand Master to do so. To all applications of this character I have earnestly endeavoured to impress upon the minds of Masons the fact that the Grand Master possesses no power of such a character; that he is not the Grand Lodge; that it is as much his duty to obey the law as the most obscure member of a subordinate lodge, and, in fact, more so, because it is his duty to enforce obedience to the laws of the Grand Lodge, and it would be in exceeding bad taste for him to be guilty of the violation of law or the usurpation of power not specially conferred upon him. I have, therefore, been compelled very many times to refuse lodges dispensations to remove from one town to another, to march on Decoration Day, make Masons without legs and arms, meet in halls occupied by other societies, and, in fact, to violate nearly every rule for the government of subordinate lodges. Most applications for special dispensations have been refused, and very few indeed have been granted. I shall always be ready to advocate the proposition that the Grand Master is not the Grand Lodge."

CHOICE AND RETENTION OF GOOD OFFICERS.

Comp. John H. Brown, G. Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, has the following very sensible remarks on the value of good officers, and the importance of retaining them in office until their equals are found. The passage occurs in Comp. Brown's Report on Correspondence: "We believe it sound policy to retain a thoroughly good officer until his equal can be found and elected. However gifted and learned a new officer may be, every companion, even slightly observing, knows that it requires not a little time for him to get used to his new place and acquire the skill necessary to discharge his duties without balk or halt. This being the fact, what should be expected of one whose gifts are not great, whose learning is faulty, whose business so overwhelms him that he cannot possibly discharge official duties; or what can be expected of one whose sole recommendation is 'He is a right good fellow?' The truth is, that he only is fit to govern and direct the work of a Masonic body, Grand or constituent, who has a genius for government, supplemented by sound, available knowledge, and is so far master of himself that every obstacle will yield to his sway and genuine harmony prevail. If such a companion is found and elected to office, let him be retained until one like, or nearly like him, is prepared to fill the station; then if the first will retire, the body may be reasonably sure that the good work done will not be marred by one whose mark is a zero."

THE LATE BRO. ROBERT MORRIS.

Death, which comes but once, yet comes to all, has made fearful havoc in our ranks during the past year, and has taught us again and again, if we heed the lesson, what shadows we pursue. Many of our sir knights have fallen by the wayside, weary with the march of life. Life is too short, there is too little of it, to have its days or even its hours wasted in doing else than rendering to our fellows all the good we can while journeying through this earthly pilgrimage.

Bro. Morris was born in Oxford, Miss., Aug. 31st, 1818, and died on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at his home at La Grange, Ky., from paralysis.

Bro. Morris received a good school education, and devoted much of his early life to duties as a teacher. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1842. The system and purposes of the Institution so pleased him that he devoted the balance of his life to work as a writer and lecturer to the Order. He was a ready, graceful, and fluent writer and speaker. He established several magazines, the most successful of which is the "Voice of Masonry" now published in Chicago. He was the author of many works on Masonry and of more than 300 poems on Freemasonry and kindred subjects, some of which are of high merit, the most popular with the Fraternity being "The Level and Square." In 1858-9, he was Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, and received the Degree of Doctor of Laws in the University of Kentucky in 1860. In 1867 he was delegated by the Grand Lodge of Canada to establish a Masonic lodge in Jerusalem, which was notably successful, and again in 1884 he visited the Holy Land to explore the origin and foundation of the Craft. On his return to America he published his

"Travels in the Holy Land," a remarkably interesting work, of which many thousands of copies were sold. In 1885 he was crowned "Poet Laureate of Freemasonry" in the Grand Lodge room of the Masonic Hall, New York city, by Grand Master William A. Brodie, assisted by the Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, in the presence of a large assemblage of the Fraternity from various parts of the country.

Bro. Morris has contributed an almost endless mass of writings to Masonic literature. During the past two years he devoted himself almost entirely to preparing an annotated edition on the life and poems of Robert Burns, of whom he was a great admirer. For this purpose he visited the birthplace of Burns several times, and collected numerous works on his life and writings. His work in this direction was comprehensive, and at the time of his death was unfinished.

His wife and five children survive him.

"Who fell like autumn fruit that mellowed long,
Even wondered at because he dropped no sooner."

—*New York Dispatch.*

AUSTRALIAN NOTES.

The *South Australian Freemason* for July 7th, 1888, just received, is an interesting number, and will be perused with much pleasure by the Craft in that region. Financially, the Company which has been started to publish the "*Freemason*" for that Colony is doing well, and, so far, is a success.

A balance in hand, after six months working! The thanks to Bro. J. H. Cunningham, G. Sec., the Secretary, which the Directors recommend, are sure to be warmly endorsed by the shareholders, as much of the prosperity attending the venture is due to his valuable aid and excellent management.

The Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of South Australia is H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, who has graciously acceded to the wishes of the members of one of the youngest Grand Lodges, and is now officially connected with that vigorous organisation.

A new Grand Lodge for New South Wales will evidently, soon be an accomplished fact, for the foregoing paper declares most emphatically that the election of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was to take place on the 16th July last, and that the choice would fall on his Excellency Lord Carrington, P.S.G.W. of England. The Editor speaks of 186 lodges "hitherto divided in their allegiance and interests, and probably differing in their workings and the laws controlling them," being brought "into one compact and harmonious whole," as a "triumph of diplomacy and generalship, as well as a grand example of oneness and sincerity of purpose," and expresses the indebtedness of the brethren to the M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, "for his mediation and representations at head-quarters."

So long as due provision is made for the liberties of the minority, if such there should be, the new Grand Lodge will find no obstacles thrown in its way by the Grand Lodge of England; but, on the contrary, will receive the best of good wishes from the "Old Country."

DERIVATION OF FREEMASON.—Many very learned derivations have been given to this word, from the Greek, Coptic, Hebrew—all, we believe, untenable. Freemason may come from Franc Maçon, as derived from the rights of the French operative Masons, but we are inclined to think that it is simply an English addition to a Norman-French word Maçon. In the early times, operative Masons were termed cæmentarii, latomi, "les maçons," maceons, masouns, masouyns, and finally fremaçons, free masons. A suggestion that the word comes from frères maçons is, we feel sure, not philologically maintainable, as there is no good evidence of any such use in France sufficient to justify the use of this generic term. It is undoubtedly true that the use of "Freemason" is comparatively modern, and even the simple word mason but precedes in its use the compound word by an insignificant period. In the earliest records at present accessible, the members of the operative order are called indifferently latomi or cæmentarii, as we said above. "Le loge latomorum," "le magister de la loge latomorum," "magister cæmentariorum," "magister," "seniores," "guardiani," "apprenticij," are expressions to be found "mutatis mutandis," to describe various officers and members of the body in the York, Durham, Exeter, and Westminster fabric rolls, in Exchequer rolls, and especially in the register of W. Molash, Prior of Canterbury in the reign of Henry VI. The earliest use of the word maçon, I believe, occurs in Chaucer's "Romaunt de la Rose," and we have frequent examples of the use of the different words maçon, masouns, as in the contract with the Abbot of St. Edmundsbury, 1439, for the repairs and restoration of the great bell tower, "on all mannere of things that longe to Freemasonry," "maisoun," and even "masouyn." We also find constant references, as Bro. D. Murray Lyon says, to "Robert the Mason," "Henry the Mason." We hear of "Richard of Cracall, mason," in the contract to build Catterick Church, 1412, which he contracts to make new "as workmanschippe and mason crafte will." The earliest use of the compound word Freemason, I believe, so far known, is in the contract to build Hothingay Chapel, in 1435, where W. Horwood, master mason, the Freemason, contracts with Richard, Duke of York, to "neyther sett mas nor fewer Freemasons, rough setters, ne boys thereupon, but such as shall be ordeigned." We have also seen evidence of its use in 1439. From this time the word seems to be generally used in contracts, and is found in many still extant expense rolls. We see it in an act of Parliament (Edward VI., 1548), and constantly find it in obituary notices, epitaphs, and the like. As yet, no genuine charter of an operative guild has been discovered, as far as we know; but the earliest connection of the operative guild with the use of the word Freemasons is to be found in the M.S. Charges and Constitutions, belonging probably to the Chester Guild of Freemasons, in the British Museum, of date about 1650 (Harleian MS. 2054). The use of the word Freemason is a great deal earlier than any revival of Speculative Masonry, as Dr. Plot, writing in 1686, mentions the existence of the society for some time previously under that name, and mainly as an operative order, though admitting honorary and speculative members. The word Mason comes, then, from the Norman-French word "maçon," which is derived from the Latin "mansio," just as "le Loge," Norman-French, is derived from "logerium" in Low Latin; and the compound word Freemason is not derived from freestone, but is the term of a mason free of his guild or fraternity—in towns among the "freemen masons," in the country either belonging to some "loge" attached to a monastery, or to the loge, chapter, or assemblage of that "limitt."—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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Original Correspondence.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Your leader in this morning's issue on the subject of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite contains an inaccuracy, which I am sure you will not mind correcting.

You write, when referring to the Treasurer-General's statement of accounts, that the salaries amount to £1394. This item, however, includes not only salaries, but rent, printing, establishment and general sundries; about one-third only of the sum is spent on salaries.—Yours fraternally,

HUGH D. SANDEMAN,

August 18th.

Gr. Sec. Gen.



REPORT OF THE MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL, DUBLIN, 1887.

This exceedingly valuable Institution is now "of age," its 21st year being reached in 1888. The report is of a very cheering character, and all being well, when the "silver wedding" of its formation falls to be celebrated, there will be no lack of pupils to take part in the commemoration. The building, of which an illustration is given on the cover, is situated at ("Richview") Clonskeagh, Dublin, and at present contains 45 boys. The income for 1887 amounted to £2812 2s. 5d., which was utilized as follows: Under "School Expenses" are noted £393 14s. 5d. for provisions; £193 18s. 2d., for clothing and repairs; "Teachers' salaries and servants' wages" figuring for £369 os. 4d., and the sum of £161 14s. 9d. being charged for rent, insurance, and taxes. "Outfits" are down for £25 only; £56 13s. 2d. for "Result fees and examination expenses," and prizes cost £23. The total costs under the above inclusive heading is £1375 os. 10d. Then under "Richview Expenses" the amount of £278 1s. was spent; and £223 14s. 11d. is the modest sum for "Office expenses," the total being £1876 16s. 9d., or a trifle over £41 per boy, under all "headings" and charges; leaving the balance of £935 5s. 8d. as an available asset, which was employed to purchase £335 12s. 11d. "Stocks," £218 6s. 6d. for "Rent and Surrender of Adelaide Hall," and £381 6s. 1d. left in hand. The "Stock balances" to 31st December, 1887, are given as £11,744 12s. 1d. For what is known as the "Building Fund" (corrected to 27th March, 1888), £7889 os. 0d. have been promised, over £7000 having been actually paid. As there is room provided for 60 boys, we hope to hear of a hearty response to the appeal of the Committee, so as to enable them to put in the Institution the 15 lads for which the present provision is ample, as respects space, &c., all that is wanted being the money. The Committee state that "the Governors must feel greatly gratified to find that the high standard of education which has been established in the school has been fully maintained during the year. The successes which have been obtained at the Intermediate Education Examinations have placed our school, having regard to the number and ages of its pupils, amongst the very foremost in the country." We congratulate the Board on such a grand success, and especially do we offer our fraternal felicitations to Bro. John Holdbrook and his efficient staff, not forgetting his good lady, Mrs. Holdbrook, who is the beloved matron. Bro. Oliver Fry is the Honorary Secretary, and Bro. Francis M. Scott is the courteous Assistant Secretary of both the Institutions for the "boys" and "girls."

WALKS IN THE ARDENNES. Edited by PERCY LINDLEY. London: 125, Fleet-street, E.C.

We are glad to renew our acquaintance with Mr. Percy Lindley through the medium of another of his well-compiled and useful guide books. The country he has chosen in this instance is the Ardennes, and very faithfully, and at the same time very agreeably has he described whatever it is worth while for the tourist to see and the best mode of seeing it. The preliminary chapter deals with the important subject of ways and means, route, and the time which may advantageously be given up to a trip through the Ardennes. In the other chapters the country is described, every place of note being visited and full particulars about it being furnished. Each chapter has one or more well-drawn illustrations, and the style in which the book is written is clear, concise, and, above all things, chatty and pleasant. We strongly recommend intending visitors to this part of the continent to consult Mr. Lindley's guide book. They will find it full of excellent advice and very pleasant reading.

HINTS ON SPECTACLES. By W. ACKLAND, Surgeon and Optician by Special Appointment to the Queen. Ninth Edition. London: Horne, Thornthwaite and Wood, 416, Strand, W.C.

It is not necessary to be an expert in order to determine that Dr. Ackland's "Hints on Spectacles" are worth attending to, though, as a matter of course, only an expert can tell how valuable they must prove to those whose sight is in any way affected. The pamphlet extends over only 30 pages, but within that modest compass the author appears to have brought together and explained in a clear and unsophisticated style, whatever in connection with spectacles

and their use, it is necessary for general purposes to know. The explanations are materially assisted by sundry diagrams, and at the end there is given a series of "Short Rules for the Preservation of Sight and the Selection of Spectacles," to which we wish particularly to direct the attention of the reader. However, the fact of the pamphlet having reached a ninth edition, is the most conclusive testimony we can give of its value.



788] SEALS OF THE ALBANY LODGE.

I now send you details of the seals on the warrant of the Albany Lodge (Ancient), No. 151, dated 9th July, 1777. There are four, all hanging on ribbon; above is a seal with the Atholl arms. Below, on the right, is the seal with "Grand Lodge in London of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Institution." A third seal has a column on either side of a level, and a fourth seal has the date 1723, with cross pens, tied with a ribbon over a double triangle, and the all-seeing eye at the top, and is next to the signature of Jas. Jones, Grand Secretary.

J. E. LE FEUVRE.

789] HARRIS MS., No. 2.—LEWIS.

Being in London on Wednesday, I turned up Bros. Hughan's and Lane's last find. The MS. is interesting, although of such comparatively recent date, say 1781, because it apparently represents the last stage of the evolutionary process through which the documents known as "Old Charges" passed. They were subject to continual modification as they were copied and transcribed, and this one has evidently been touched up to suit it for a Society which had almost entirely eliminated the operative element which gave it birth. One passage specially arrested my attention, and vividly brought to my mind a long discussion I maintained five or six years ago in your columns with our dear Bro. Woodford (Masonic Student). Alas! that he can no longer pick up my gauntlet! This passage actually gives the real meaning of "Lewis," as understood at that time. As far as we know, the word was first used Masonically in 1736, and applied to George III., the infant son of Frederick, Prince of Wales, G.M. Why such a word should suddenly have been applied to the Royal baby, unless it were previously familiar to Masons, has never been explained. It has since come to be equivalent to the son of a Mason. I have always held that we derive the word from the French Compagnonnage, in which Society the Stonemasons, sons of Solomon, are called Wolves, and their children *Louvetaux*, or wolf-cubs; whilst in French Architectology, the instrument known by us as a Lewis, and composed of three pieces, bears the general name of *louve*, wolf-bitch, which, however, more immediately applies to the centre piece, the two side pieces being called *Louvetaux*. French Freemasons probably originally used the correct French term, *Louvetaux*, to render the English Lewis, but knowing that Freemasonry was of English origin, possibly thought a French word out of place and inappropriate, and sought to anglicise it; the consequence is that they now call their sons Lowtons, and fancy, I suppose, they are speaking English. In the MS. in question, the 11th of Edwin's Charges reads—"You shall not make any Mould square or Rule for any that is but a Lewis; Lewis is such an one as hath served an Apprenticeship to a Mason, but is not admitted afterwards, according to this manner and custom of making Masons." Here we have a 1781 definition of Lewis. At that time the Craft had entirely ceased to be operative, and it is obvious that as the implied conditions could not then prevail, the definition was not of the date of the MS., but harked back to a time when such a thing as operative Freemasonry still existed. Any explanation invented after 1736, when it was applied to the Grand Master's baby, would be totally different. It, therefore, looks as if this definition were a real operative survival, ante-dating 1736, or even 1717. If, as here implied, an unpassed Apprentice was known from "time immemorial" as a Lewis, we can understand the Craftsmen of 1736 giving it a speculative meaning, and applying it to the infant Prince. The allusion would be at once grasped. But if the term before that era were purely technological, and simply meant an instrument of iron, without any application to Masons as such, its sudden use and acceptance becomes incomprehensible. I am, therefore, inclined to think that this MS. furnishes us with one more little glimpse of 17th century lodge-life.

G. W. SPETH, Sec. Quatuor Coronati, 2076.

The Craft Abroad.

DALHOUSIE CHAPTER, SINGAPORE.

The members of the above chapter held their regular meeting, on July 6th, at Freemasons' Hall. It was also the annual meeting, at which no other business is transacted except the installation of the Principal and the investment of the officers of the chapter for the ensuing year. The following companions were duly installed and invested: Comps. W. E. Hooper, Z.; E. A. Thomson, H.; F. K. Jennings, J.; G. Derrick, S.E.; G. Thompson, S.N.; D. G. Presgrave, P.S.; C. F. MacKie, A. Soj.; J. D. Stewart, A. Soj.; R. Little, Treas.; and R. O. Norris, Janitor. The R.W.D.G.M., Comp. Colonel Dunlop, C.M.G., P.Z., together with Comp. Cargill, P.Z., performed the ceremony of the installation of the three Principals, at the conclusion of which Comp. Cargill delivered the usual appropriate and impressive charges to the Principals and the companions of the chapter. Comp. Hooper, as the newly-installed Z., then invested his officers with the insignia of their respective ranks, and the chapter was closed. The companions subsequently adjourned to the banqueting room, and after a "snack" had been partaken of a few toasts were given and duly responded to, the first on the list being that of "The First Principal, Comp. Hooper." A move was then made to the Central Hall, and some vocal and instrumental music brought to an agreeable termination a pleasant, sociable, and fraternal evening.



Craft Masonry.

BARNATO LODGE.—(No. 2265).—The third regular meeting was held at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, on Monday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Da Silva, W.M.; M. De Leeuw, S.W.; L. Kool, J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; M. J. Jessop, Sec.; T. Honey, S.D.; J. Manger, D.C.; M. Bash, I.G.; S. B. Joel and I. B. Joel, Stwds.; C. F. Hogard, acting I.P.M.; Richard Baker, P. Rosenthal, H. I. Barnato, M. Joseph, I. A. Rosenthal, and A. Goldstone. Visitors: M. Hart, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M. 205; I. White, 205; and D. Rodrigues, 205.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. H. I. Barnato and I. A. Rosenthal were passed to the Second Degree. Ballots were then taken for Bros. Anthony Davison, Henry H. Myers, and Carl Vandyk, which proved unanimous. The election for President, Vice-President, and members of the Benevolent Fund resulted in the unanimous election of Bros. J. Da Silva, President; H. I. Barnato, Vice-President; and J. De Leeuw, L. Kool, T. Honey, and J. Manger as members. Bros. E. J. Acworth and S. B. Joel were elected members of the Audit and General Purposes Committee. The following candidates were nominated for initiation: Mr. Leopold Loewenthal, Mr. John Jonas, and Mr. Samuel Fox.

Apologies were received from Bros. Acworth, Vandyk, and Gluckstein. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of supper.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. T. Jordan, W.M.; R. T. Davison, M.D., S.W.; T. J. Walder, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.P.G. Chap., P.M., Chaplain; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; R. Hughes, I.P.M., Sec.; J. B. Foster, S.D.; W. A. Raper, J.D.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., D.C.; J. W. Pepper, I.G.; C. Leary, Sec.; C. Martin, J. B. Foord, F. G. Ticehurst, J. Chance, C. J. Honisett, and Lieut. Hall.

The usual preliminaries having been observed, the business commenced with the delivery of the "Charge after Initiation," omitted at the last meeting through want of time, and which was rendered most effectively by Bro. Davison, S.W. The two Entered Apprentices, Bros. Honisett and Hall, were then respectively passed to the 2nd Degree, the ceremony, including the address and the explanation of the tracing board, being rendered by the W.M., Bro. Jordan, in his usual able manner. There being no further business, the lodge was closed. We understand that Bro. Lieut. Hall is about to leave for India, and that he will previously be raised to the 3rd Degree at a lodge of emergency to be held on the 13th September.

FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Railway Hotel. Present: Bros. Edwin Arthur Smith, W.M.; Joseph John Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.M.; James Laurence, I.P.M.; James William Baldwin, P.P.G.D., P.M., Sec.; Fred. Walters, P.P.G.D., P.M.; John Mason, P.P.G.D., P.M.; C. W. Baker, S.W.; J. A. Wilson, J.W.; Fred. Dunstan, I.G.; J. R. Cox, Org.; A. Robertson, Stwd.; John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler; W. Kite, G. J. Bailey, T. W. Kingston, and others.

Bros. T. W. Kingston and T. Thompson were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. G. J. Bailey was raised to the Third Degree. The entire ceremony was given, including the traditional history and the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., expressed the satisfaction he felt in seeing the W.M. so well able and entirely proficient in doing both the ceremonies. It proved what a continued flow of really good workers this lodge possessed. He considered that the W.M.'s work was all that could be desired. He again fully congratulated the lodge on having a W.M. who so ably filled the chair. He noted with great satisfaction that as each member came to the chair he was qualified to wear the great Masonic Victoria Cross—the Charity jewel. It was an exception any of their W.M.'s occupying the chair without their being entitled to wear that most distinguished jewel. It seemed to be an unwritten law of the lodge now that aspirants to the chair must not only be able to do all their work well, but must also wear the Charity jewel before being elected W.M. The subject of purchasing another Life Governorship of the Male Annuity Fund was deferred until May meeting. The petition of the widow of a Naval Officer was unanimously supported, and recommended to Board of Benevolence. Notices of motion to give two guineas to an applicant for Male Annuity Fund from the Lodge Benevolent Fund was given; also some proposed alterations to by-laws were given in.

Business ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, September 15th, at 3 p.m., which will be the final meeting of the season.

Banquet followed, served under Bro. Harris's personal superintendence.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—The last regular meeting but one of this session was held on the 15th inst., at the Sun Hotel, and was well attended. Bro. Geo. Moorman was assisted in opening the lodge by Bros. W. Drewett, W.M. 889, S.W.; and J. Humphreys, J.W. The Deacons' offices had to be taken by Bros. Bultz and Willis, in the absence of the appointed bearers of the wands. Bros. Laurence, P.M., and Oldridge, P.M., were at their respective posts as Secretary and Treasurer, and the I.P.M., Bro. John Drewett, "wired" regrets and "Hearty good wishes" from Lowestoft.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the by-laws of the lodge were read. This being

"election day," the Worshipful Master explained that his Senior Warden was precluded from occupying the chair of the lodge for that year as he was W.M. of the Dobie Lodge. The election fell unanimously upon Bro. Humphreys, who has proved himself a worthy Mason, and one anxious to do his best as a "workman." Bro. Oldridge, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lane as Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted the outgoing Master, who has richly earned it; and then the working set forth on the agenda was proceeded with. Bro. Mayhew was raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bros. Woodhouse and Clay passed to the F.C. Degree. Mr. Thos. Bugler, having been duly elected, was initiated. This ceremony, as were also the others, was most carefully, correctly, and impressively performed by the W.M.

At this meeting the brethren appeared in mourning, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Frayling, host of the lodge, and a letter was read from Mrs. Frayling thanking the brethren for their vote of condolence passed at their last assembly. It was also resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro. F. Winte, whose wife was then lying dead.

Soon afterwards the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of the refreshment which Mrs. Frayling had provided in her customary satisfactory manner.

HERNE BAY.—Ethelbert Lodge (No. 2099).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Among those present were Bros. C. E. Fenoulhet, W.M.; Edward Ayre, P.G.P., I.P.M.; H. C. Jones, S.W.; J. S. White, J.W.; F. A. Pullen, Treas.; F. Rothschild, Sec.; E. A. C. Larkin, S.D.; C. Salari, J.D.; C. W. Welby, I.G.; R. Griggs, Tyler; W. T. England, Mannell Michell, E. T. J. Adams, L. J. Adams, W. J. Hellyar, T. M. Benton, P.M. 521; A. S. Ingleton, and W. J. Flower.

The lodge was honoured with the presence of the following visitors: Bros. W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3, P.G.P.; H. Ward (hon. mem.), P.M. 31, 586, 622, and 1112, P.G.W. Wilts and Kent; H. Black, P.M. 1273, P.P.A. G.D.C.; G. Goble, W.M. 1273; H. Morris, S.W. 1273; J. T. Reeves, 1915, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. W. Porter, S.W. 1915; J. Wood, S.D. 1915; G. Barton, 1915, P.P.G.D.C.; R. P. Stevens, 901; W. M. Bond, P.M. 1273, P.G.I.G.; G. E. Fairchild, P.M. 1196; C. Gurr, 1915; G. Wallace, P.M. 907; E. Walker; S. Leonard, P.M. 1760; J. Bayne, J.D. 1877; W. Carey, W.M. 1571; S. R. Lovett, S.D. 3; John Barnwell, 972; J. Godwin, P.M. 1343, &c.; and others.

Bro. Fenoulhet having opened the lodge and caused the minutes of the last meeting to be read and confirmed, Bro. Henry Corbet Jones, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to him to receive the benefits of installation. The ceremony was most impressively rendered, and in due course Bro. Jones was placed in the chair of K.S. The following investments then took place: Bros. J. S. White, S.W.; E. A. C. Larkin, J.W.; E. T. J. Adams, Treas.; F. A. Pullen, Sec.; C. Salari, S.D.; C. W. Welby, J.D.; T. E. Dilnot, I.G.; and W. T. England, Stwd.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren next repaired to the Town Hall, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. The loyal, Grand and Prov. Grand Lodge toasts, followed by those of "The W.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler, were all duly honoured. In the course of the evening Bro. E. C. Fenoulhet received at the hands of the W.M. the Past Master's jewel, and Bro. F. A. Pullen a Past Master's badge.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Leng, W.M.; Mansfield, S.W.; Jackson, J.W.; Spight, P.M., Sec.; Penrose, S.D.; Dandridge, J.D.; Faulkner, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Mansfield, jun., Prior, Priest, Keylock, Finlayson, Amos, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, was advanced to the Second Degree, when the questions leading to the Third Degree were very well answered by Bro. Mansfield, jun. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the W.M. gave the traditional history in a very effective manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Mansfield was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in September, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 17th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. S. Cochrane, W.M.; L. Cox, S.W.; G. E. Higginson, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; G. Swan, J.D.; P. J. Davies, I.G.; G. Read, P.M.; J. Collings, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; P. Burton, P.M.; Austin, P.M.; Davies, Whittle, Oppery, Rose, Woods, Walker, W. J. Coplestone, and W. W. Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Rose having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Read. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Cox was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 16th inst. Present: Bros. W. Hancock, W.M.; R. E. Cursons, S.W.; E. C. Mulvey, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; R. J. Harnell, acting Sec.; J. Skinner, S.D.; J. D. Graham, J.D.; S. C. Fort, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; G. H. Reynolds, S. Lichtenfeld, H. Pett, C. O. Burgess, J. Rowe, J. R. Harnell, A. Clark, E. W. S. Rymer, S. W. Larkin, and A. Cogliati. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. C. O. Burgess having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Burgess candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that Bro. Cursons be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by Bro. Mulvey, and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Scardeau Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Craggs, W.M.; Wood, P.M., as S.W.; Swann, J.W.; Danby, S.D.; Wiils, J.D.; Turner, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.S.G.D.

Middx., Treas.; Sims, P.M.; Cochrane, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; Neville, Betts, Dresden, and Sidders.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cochrane, P.M., having answered the questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Wood, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. G. Jennings, W.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M., S.W.; Harding, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); P. J. Davies, S.D.; Vanduyck, J.D.; Whittle, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; P. Burton, P.M.; Higginson, L. Cox, C. R. Cross, R. H. Rogers, C. S. Mote, Sansom, W. Ball, and H. Cotton. Bro. J. F. Alexander, Royal Albert Lodge, Dublin, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Higginson acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and the 2nd Section of the First Lecture was also worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. Ball was elected a joining member. Bro. S. Cochrane was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Alexander, in a few well chosen remarks, thanked the brethren for the reception accorded him, and the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Molony, W.M.; Rymer, S.W.; Roberts, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Badderly, S.D.; Stutfield, J.D.; Fort, I.G.; and F. Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Gibson. Bro. Molony, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Molony being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the W.M. resumed the chair. Bro. Rymer was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Charitable Association was afterwards held, and three ballots were taken, which proved favourable to Bros. Piper, Evans, and Bull.

Royal Arch.

GAINSBOROUGH.—All Saints' Chapter (No. 422).—The companions of this chapter held their annual convention at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 13th inst. The election of officers for the year took place as follows: Comps. Alfred Kirk, P.Z., Z. (for the fifth time); George Housham, H.; F. Baines, J.; C. F. Liversedge, P.Z., P.S., Treas.; J. F. Sowby, S.E.; J. Stainforth, S.N.; and G. Scott, Janitor. Two brethren of the Isle of Axholme and Yarborough Lodges were exalted, and other business of the chapter transacted.

The annual banquet was afterwards held.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The Provincial Priory of North and East Yorkshire, which for some few years has, as regards its organisation, been practically dormant, has been revived under favourable auspices. The Earl of Londesborough, who for many years held the office of chief of the district, having retired, the Grand Master of the Order appointed Sir Knight Major J. W. Woodall to the office, and last month the ceremony of his installation took place. By desire of the Provincial Prior designate, the meeting was held at York, as being the most easy centre of access for the county of Yorkshire, and the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, the meeting place of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, was placed at the disposal of the authorities for the purpose. Those present on the occasion were Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, V.E. Great Sub-Prior of England, on the throne; John Montagu Puteney Montagu, D.L., V.E. Prov. Prior of Dorset, as V.E. Prov. Sub-Prior; Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., Prov. Prelate of West Yorkshire, as Prov. Prelate; Samuel Midleton, P.E.P., Prov. Chancellor; Walter Reynolds, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. Treas., as Prov. Constable; George Simpson, P.E.P., Prov. Marshal; W. Benson Richardson, P.E.P., as Prov. Registrar; Frank Richardson, P.E.P., &c., as Prov. Sub-Marshal; William Ascough, as Prov. Std. Br.; John Marshall, Prov. Herald; T. Oates, P.E.P., Prov. Org.; H. E. Voigt, Prov. S.B.; W. Brown, P.E.P., Prov. C.G.; J. Verity, Prov. Equerry; Thos. Wm. Tew, J.P., V.E. Prov. Prior of West Yorkshire; Chas. J. Banister, V.E. Prov. Prior of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed; Charles Fendelow, V.E. Prov. Prior of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire; Hugh D. Sandeman, V.E. Past Prov. Prior of Bengal; Lieut.-Col. the Honourable W. T. Orde-Powlett, Past Great Marshal of England; Thos. B. Whythead, Past Great Capt. of Guards, Past Prov. Constable; J. W. Monckman, Great Standard Bearer of England; J. D. Kay, Prov. Sub-Prior of West Yorkshire; M. C. Peck, P.E.P., Past Prov. Chancellor; Thos. Thompson, P.E.P.; Edward Kippis, P.E.P.; and Walter C. Whiteside, of Ancient York Conclave; Wm. Lawton, P.E.P.; Chr. Palliser, P.E.P.; Major A. H. H. Mc Gachen, Matthew Millington, Jas. T. Seiler, W. H. Attlay, Wm. B. Dyson, Thos. Masterman, and A. T. B. Turner, of Ancient Ebor Preceptory; Capt. Henry Darley, E.P.; Major W. H. Marwood, P.E.P.; and R. Y. Powley, P.E.P., of Godefroi de Bouillon Preceptory; and others; and the following visitors: Sir Knights Hugh W. H. Elwes, E.P., Prudence Preceptory, Ipswich; C. Hill Drury, M.D., E.P., St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, Darlington; I. J. Armstrong, E.P., Royal Kent Preceptory, Newcastle-on-Lyne; Col. Jas. Monks, P.E.P., Royal Kent Preceptory, Newcastle-on-Lyne; L. R. Barnes, P.E.P., Prince of Peace Preceptory, Preston; R. W. Cleaves, E.P., De Furnival Preceptory, Sheffield; Jos. Quarterman, Prov. Standard Bearer, Fidelity Preceptory, Leeds; Herbert G. E. Green, E.P., Fidelity Preceptory, Leeds; H. C. Pickersgill, Fidelity Preceptory, Leeds; and others.

The six knights having arranged themselves under their respective banners, the procession entered the preceptory under the arch of steel at 5.15 p.m., and the V.E. Sub-Prior of England having ascended the Throne, at once proceeded to open Provincial Priory. The six knights were then instructed by the acting Sub-Marshal to salute the Great Sub-Prior and the Priors of other provinces, of the Province of this Provincial Priory. The muster roll of preceptors was called by the Registrar, all the preceptories responding. The minutes of the last meeting of Provincial Priory and the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts having been read, were respectively confirmed. The acting Sub-Marshal announced that the Provincial Prior designate of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was without, and the Provincial Prior designate of the Province of the East claimed admission in order to be installed into the charge of his province. Sir Knight Major John Woodall Woodall, Provincial Prior designate, having been conducted to the foot of the sepulchre, the V.E. Great Sub-Prior addressed the meeting in terms highly eulogistic of Sir Knight Woodall, and demanded his patent, which was read by the acting Registrar.

Sir Knight Woodall then took the obligation of a Prov. Prior, and was escorted to the East under the arch of steel, where he was presented with his patent, and invested with his mantle, sword, abacus, ring, and statutes, and finally placed upon the throne. The V.E. PROV. PRIOR, addressing the knights, thanked them for the honour done him, and announced his intention of administering the government of his Provincial Priory in the best manner he was able. The preceptories then communicated, after which the V.E. Prov. Prior appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights T. B. Whytehead, P.G.C. of G., &c., Sub-Prior; Rev. William Valentine, M.A., Prelate; Samuel Middleton, Chancellor; Capt. Henry Darley, Constable; George Simpson, Marshal; W. Benson Richardson, Registrar; William Brown, Sub-Marshal; Christopher Palliser, Almoner; William Ascough, Std. Br.; John Marshall, Herald; Thomas Oates, Org.; H. E. Voigt, Swd. Br.; Thomas Thompson, Captain of Guards; Frater J. Verity, Equerry.

Sir Knight Walter Reynolds, P.G. Aide-de-Camp, &c., was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, on the motion of Sir Knight MARWOOD, P.E.C., seconded by the SUB-PRIOR. The V.E. PROV. PRIOR and the E. PROV. SUB-PRIOR respectively proposed and seconded "That the thanks of Provincial Priory be given to the V.E. Great Sub-Prior of England, and to the Priors of other provinces, for their presence and assistance in the ceremonies of the day," which was carried by acclamation, and briefly responded to by the V.E. GREAT SUB-PRIOR and by the V.E. PRIOR of West Yorkshire. E. Sir Knight DARLEY, Prov. Constable, invited Provincial Priory to hold its next meeting at Scarborough, under the banner of Godefroi de Bouillon Preceptory. Aims amounting to £2 1s. 3d. were then collected by the Almoner. Congratulations were offered by a large number of knights, and letters of apology for non-attendance were also read from many knights. Prov. Priory was then closed. The Prov. Prior, the Great Sub-Prior, and other Prov. Priors and Great Officers then retired under the arch of steel. A collation was subsequently partaken of in the refectory, and the customary toasts duly honoured.

India.

POONA.—Orion-in-the-West Lodge (No. 415, E.C.)—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 18th July. The following brethren and visitors were present: Bros. R. Dickie, D.S.G.D., W.M.; T. H. Lloyd, S.W.; P. Curran, Sec. pro tem.; J. McConachie, S.D.; A. Morgan, I.G.; J. B. Brown, Tyler; Major F. B. Peile, P.M. 363 (S.C.); P.S.G.W., G. Lodge A.S.F. in India; H. C. Macnee, 343 (S.C.); J. A. A. Turner, P.M. 343; Pallonjee Nusserwanjee, P.M. 343 (S.C.); W. Fearn, P.M. 363 (S.C.); G. D. H. Robottom, W.M. 475 (S.C.); Capt. P. Nelson, D.M. 343 (S.C.); J. V. Splane, S.W. 343 (S.C.); and about 60 others.

The meeting was more than usually interesting owing to the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, D.G.M. Bombay, who made it the occasion of his official visit. H.R.H. was attended by Bros. H. R. King, D.D.G.M.; W. H. Hussey, P.D.D.G.M., D.G. Sec.; H. Watson, D.S.G.W.; F. J. Laville, P.D.S.G.D.; C. D. Wise, P.D.S.G.D.; R. Livingston, P.D.G.S. of W.; W. B. Green, D.G.D. of C.; Col. Becher, Equerry, and Col. Cavaye. His Royal Highness, after making the usual enquiries, congratulated Bro. Dickie, W.M., on the harmony which existed in the lodge, also upon the very successful year just terminated; not only had the lodge increased numerically, it was also in a better position financially than it was at the commencement of his term of office. The business of the evening was then proceeded with, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Major T. H. Lloyd, R.A., A.Q.M.G., was installed by the retiring Master in a manner which afforded much pleasure to all present. The new W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Major G. F. Guyon, S.W.; J. McConachie, J.W.; C. D. Wise, P.M., Treas. (4th time); F. J. Laville, P.M. 1122, Sec.; De B. De Lisle, S.D.; C. Farquharson, J.D.; P. Curran, I.G.; and J. B. Brown, Tyler. Two brethren were proposed as joining members, and after transaction of some formal business the lodge was closed, H.R.H. shortly afterwards taking his departure, previously regretting his inability to be present at the banquet owing to being in mourning.

The banquet was spread in the long corridor of the Soldiers' Institute, which adjoins the Masonic Hall. About 80 brethren sat down to table.

To the toast of "The R.W. District Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," Bro. H. R. King, D.D.G.M., replied in a few well chosen words. He was sure, he said, that nobody regretted the inability of H.R.H. to attend the banquet more than did H.R.H. himself. It was a certainty that the presence of the D.G.M. in the lodge that evening would give a fillip to Masonry in Western India, and would prove highly beneficial to the interests of the Craft.

The toast of "The D.D.G.M." was proposed by the W.M.

In replying to this toast Bro. King remarked that having to inspect the books and accounts of the various lodges working under the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, he was not infrequently regarded as anything but a welcome

visitor, but he was happy to state that the members of Orion Lodge never need fear his visitation. Financially and socially, the lodge was in a highly creditable condition. The harmony that existed among Masons in Poona could not be too highly commended; there was scarcely any need to remind the members of the Orion Lodge of the three grand principles of the Order. Brotherly love was apparent in the fact of the large number of visitors—members of the sister lodges—who were present at that table. He was well assured that the brethren well understood the principle of relief, as was evidenced by the amount of money disbursed for charitable purposes by the lodge during the past year. After a few concluding remarks, he proposed the toast of "The W.M."

Bro. Lloyd, in replying, stated that he was fully sensible of the dignity of the high office to which he had been elected, and would do his best to maintain that high standard of excellence which the Orion Lodge had attained to. It was, he said, his misfortune to come after Bro. Dickie, one of the most able Masters that had ever filled the chair in that lodge, and, though he could not hope to compare with him, yet if perseverance and a sound determination to do his best could accomplish anything, he would not be far behind his predecessor. Bro. King had spoken in eloquent terms of the necessity of Masons keeping in mind the three grand principles of the Order, and particularly mentioned the principles of "Brotherly Love" and "Relief." He had not said much about "Truth," but to his (the speaker's) mind that was the most important principle of all. Without truth, Masonry could cease to be, and its brethren would become disunited. After speaking at some length on this subject, Bro. Lloyd concluded by impressing on the members the necessity of strict punctuality in their attendance, and hoped they would all give him their support in this respect. He next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Dickie, I.P.M., who replied that it was a matter of pride as well as pleasure to him to know from their own lips the estimation in which he was held by the brethren of the Orion Lodge. He was sorry to give up the chair; he would like to have kept it for ever; in fact, he was just beginning to like it when his year of office came to an end. He felt certain, however, that in Bro. Lloyd he had more than a worthy successor, and one to whom it would be a duty and pleasure to forward the interests of Masonry in every conceivable legitimate manner.

Bro. Lloyd next proposed "The Sister Lodge, St. Andrews in the East." It gave him great pleasure, he said, to see so many brethren of the lodge present on the occasion of his installation, and he trusted that the same good feeling of fellowship which now existed would always continue between the two lodges. He would like always to see them as visitors at his lodge. He would like better to see them all as members; indeed, he saw no reason why they should not be.

Bro. Turner replied for Lodge St. Andrews. Bro. Lloyd next proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Major Babington Peile replied in felicitous terms. In the course of his speech he remarked on the unity which ought to exist among Masons of all Constitutions; he referred to the unity of our Kingdom and Government, which was composed of English, Irish, and Scotch, and said he hoped the day was coming when the grand interests of Freemasonry would be consolidated into a harmonious whole; when Scotch, Irish, English, and other Constitutions would be content to work together for the common good of the whole. Thoughtful and intelligent Masons were beginning to see the necessity for this, and he was assured that the day was not far distant when it would become an accomplished fact.

He was followed by Bro. H. Watson, who returned thanks in a brief speech.

In proposing "The Office Bearers, Present and Past," Bro. Lloyd spoke feelingly of Bro. Wise, whose labours in the cause of Masonry were well known throughout the Bombay Presidency. He had been fortunate enough, he said, to secure his valuable services as Treasurer during his year of office. He did not think, therefore, that any fear need be entertained regarding the financial prosperity of the lodge during the coming year. With Bro. Wise at the head of affairs that prosperity was already a certainty.

Bro. Wise responded briefly for the Past Office Bearers, and Bro. Major Guyon for the Present. Both speeches were to the point, and received well-merited applause.

The Tyler's toast was then drunk in the customary manner, and the brethren dispersed.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by musical contributions from Bros. Livermore, Stanley, Muskett, Hussey, and Wise. The arrangements for the banquet were admirably carried out by the Committee appointed for the purpose.

BANQUET AND PRESENTATION TO W. BRO. CAPT. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN, PROV. G.M.M. OF NORTH AFRICA.

The brethren of the Bulwer Lodge of Cairo, No. 1068 (E.C.), and the Mark Lodge of Egypt, No. 311, entertained W. Bro. Capt. Williams-Freeman, the I.P.M. of the Craft lodge and Prov. Grand Mark Master of North Africa, at a banquet in the Esbekeeyeh Gardens, Cairo, on the 18th ult., for the purpose of presenting him with a testimonial of their high regard and esteem on the occasion of his departure from Egypt. Forty-eight brethren sat down to dinner, amongst whom were Bro. Surgeon-Major McCreery, W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge, on whose right sat the guest of the evening; Bros. R. Borg, Past District Grand Master of Egypt, and Wilson Bey, both old members and P.M.'s of the lodge; Bro. Bacoum Bey, W.M. of Lodge Sabah (Arabic Constitution); Bro. Mukhtar Pasha, Bros. H. J. Scott, S.W., and A. J. H. Large, J.W. of the lodge; Bro. the Very Rev. Dean Butcher, Bro. the Rev. G. N. Godwin, Chaplain of the lodge; and numerous other well-known brethren of Cairo, "quos nunc præscribere longum est."

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk, the W.M. rose to propose the toast of the evening. In a few brief words he reminded the brethren present of the great services that W. Bro. Williams-Freeman had rendered to English Freemasonry in Cairo, and how by his indefatigable zeal and energy he had raised the Bulwer Lodge from a state of practical extinction to its present flourishing condition. He also referred to the very high position which he had attained in Mark Masonry, being

Prov. G.M.M. for North Africa. He wished him every happiness and success in his next station, and while he deeply regretted the loss that Freemasonry in Cairo would sustain by his departure, he trusted that that might in some measure be compensated for by the wider field for Masonic usefulness which would lie before him in England. He could not let that opportunity pass without referring to the great interest which Mrs. Williams-Freeman always took in the Bulwer Lodge, as testified by some of the ornamentation of the lodge room, which the brethren owed to her kindness.

The W. Master then presented W. Bro. Williams-Freeman, in the name of the brethren, with a handsome bracelet of antique scarabs, set in gold, which he hoped Mrs. Williams-Freeman would accept and wear in remembrance of the Cairo Freemasons, and a photograph of the worshipful brother himself, taken in the full costume of P.G. Mark Master and framed in mooshabeeh. He then called upon the brethren to drink the healths of W. Bro. and Mrs. Williams-Freeman, accompanying the former toast with the usual Masonic honours.

Both toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm.

W. Bro. Williams-Freeman responded in an eloquent and feeling manner. He said—If you agree with me, as I feel sure you do, that a speech is an evil mitigated only by its brevity, I fear I am about to inflict on you an unmitigated evil, as I cannot sufficiently thank you for your very kind reception of me this evening and the handsome presents you have given me, in a brief speech, having in some measure to return thanks in a threefold capacity, first, for my wife, secondly, for myself as I am, and thirdly, for myself as I shall be. Mrs. Williams-Freeman, as the daughter of a Mason, the sister of a Mason, the wife of a Mason, and the mother of one who I hope in future time will become a Mason, cannot fail to feel a real interest in the welfare of the Craft, and I am sure she will greatly appreciate the recognition of that interest by the brethren of Cairo. As for myself as I am, I have always felt it my duty to endeavour, as far as in me lay, to show that English Freemasonry does truly consist in brotherly love, relief, and truth, and in research into those questions of Masonic philosophy which lie open to the inquiries of all Masons—old and young—and which so well repay the labour bestowed upon them. But I feel that my success in Masonry in Cairo has been greatly aided by the interest shown in the work by everyone with whom I have been associated, without which interest and co-operation every effort of mine must have failed; while cordial good-fellowship and fraternal feeling have rendered my connection with the lodges a very pleasant one to look back on. I have never before had so good an opportunity of thanking the brethren collectively for that good feeling and ready support, and I gladly avail myself of the present occasion to do so most heartily and sincerely. And lastly, as regards myself in the future, I can find no more fitting way of expressing my feelings than in the words of the great bard of Masonry:

"Farewell, dear brethren of the mystic tie!"

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"A last request permit me here,
When yearly ye assemble a',
One toast—I ask it with a tear—
To me, the brother far awa'."

Throughout this speech, the Worshipful brother was frequently interrupted by loud and hearty applause.

The following toasts were then proposed in due course, viz:—"The Sister Lodges, responded to by his Excellency Bro. Mukhtar Pasha, who spoke in French, and concluded by proposing "The W.M., P.M.'s, Officers, and Brethren of the Bulwer Lodge," and "The Ladies," responded to by Bro. Vivian, the whole concluding with the Tyler's toast and "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

The intervals between the toasts were pleasantly filled by both vocal and instrumental music, rendered by several amateurs amongst the brethren. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent, and one which we are sure will long remain as a kindly reminiscence in the minds of both guest and hosts.

RE-OPENING OF THE MASONIC HALL, WEYMOUTH.

A meeting of more than usual interest and importance marked the re-opening on Friday, the 10th inst., in Weymouth, after extensive alterations, of the Masonic Hall belonging to All Souls' Lodge, No. 170. The W.M., Bro. Zillwood Milledge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Dorsetshire, a name connected with Freemasonry in Weymouth for close upon a century, threw himself with characteristic vigour and earnestness into the work of renovation and the formality of re-opening, and the result was in every way a great success.

The alterations include the re-arrangement of the form of the lodge, placing it due east and west, the erection of a new dais for the Master and Past Masters, general redecoration throughout, and the construction of a kitchen with all necessary appliances. This has been carried out from the designs and under the personal supervision of Bro. W. Barlow-Morgan, P.M., the contractor for the builders' work being Mr. Whettam, and for painting and decoration Mr. James Jesty. The dais has been erected in an apse under an arch supported by Ionic columns with characteristic frieze, cornice, and capitals, the spandrels being filled in and the mouldings ornamented with appropriate Masonic designs in paper mache, embracing pomegranates, lilies, wheat, and other emblematical subjects, and the whole painted in white and picked out in gold. The Past Masters' landing is approached by five steps, with two others leading to the chair of the W.M., and the back has been draped with an exceptionally rich curtain in blue and gold. The centre of the floor has been repainted in a Masonic pattern and the sides covered with linoleum, the walls repainted in vermilion, and the ceiling blue, the ornaments being in white and gold; and the pictures having been re-hung under the supervision of Bro. Sidney Milledge.

The gathering to mark the realisation of this long-felt need was alike gratifying and influential, and thoroughly testified to the fraternal feeling for which our Weymouth brethren are distinguished. Several who had given conditional promises to attend, notably Right Worshipful Bro. Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorsetshire; Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; and Bro. Col. Hambro, M.P., sent letters of apology, but the following were present, namely: Bros.

W. E. Brymer, D.P.G.M. Dorset; W. Mortimer Heath, P.G. Chap, Eng.; Col. Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec. Eng.; Sir Richard Howard, J.G.D. Eng.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D. Eng.; with Bros. G. J. G. Gregory, P.M. 147, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Trevor Davies, P.M. 1168, P.S.G.W.; R. D. Thornton, P.M. 417, P.G. Treas.; Dr. Webb, P.M. 1367, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. H. Milner, 1266, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey and Dorset; C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, P.P.S.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; G. J. Davis, P.P.G. Stwd. Cheshire; C. P. Gee, P.M. 1037, P.P.G. Org.; E. Newman, S.D. 417; G. Oldfield, Sec. 417; E. W. Young, I.G. 417; R. Toleman, W.M. 1367; Rev. W. C. Brown, S.W. 386; J. E. Stroud, W.M. 417; R. Score, jun., S. Jackson, and C. J. Freeman, of 1037; C. A. Cox, 1669; J. W. Board, J.W., and E. Mills, S.W., of 1037; C. Hunt, 412; J. T. Read, E. E. Harding, J.W. 2108; B. A. Hogg, P.M. 417; T. D. C. Leverett, 68; A. W. Moore, 189; J. Ley, W.M. 472; H. F. Harvey, P.M., and J. F. Hatchard, W.M. 622; S. H. Wallis, 1037; R. W. Board, Sec. 2255; W. H. Dunman, 417; W. H. Mann, 1091; W. J. Nosworthy, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Somerset; C. M. Walling, 274; G. Habgood, J.D. 622; H. Cooke, 1037; with the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. J. B. Cole, P.P.G.S.B.; H. T. George, P.P.G. Reg.; Pelly Hooper, P.P.G. Reg.; R. A. Ayles, P.P.J.G.D.; A. Reynolds, A. Graham, P.P.J.G.W.; A. McLean, P.J.G.D.; C. G. Targett, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Lowe, P.P.J.G.D.; T. R. Charles, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Cox, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and the following members of the lodge: Bros. J. Rowe, H. Russell, W. H. Perry, F. W. Padgett, J. N. V. Ryan, G. N. Waterman, H. J. Groves, J. T. Whettam, J. Howard Bowen, J. Lee, jun., W. Osborne, G. P. Symes, Tom Cooper, E. Michell Smith, Sidney S. Milledge, J. Lyon, M.D., R.N., D. H. Williams, H. Pittis, W. D'Angibau, Lieut. Jenkins, H. Hughes, F. W. Hetley, J. E. Crickmay, B. Morris, W. H. Porter, and H. Warren. The officers present being the W.M., Bro. Zillwood Milledge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Bros. Alan McLean, P.M. P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; Rev. J. Hubert Scott, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; W. Smith, J.W.; Rev. J. Meigh, Chap.; J. A. Sherren, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Treas.; H. J. Jesty, Sec.; A. Rayner, S.D.; H. J. Groves, acting J.D.; W. B. Morgan, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks, D.C.; H. Gibbs, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Org.; E. T. Targett, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; and F. Reynolds, Stwds.; J. T. Whettam, acting I.G.; R. Simmonds, Tyler; W. J. Clare, Asst. Tyler; D. Haylett, Tyler 622; W. Talbot, Tyler 417; T. W. Mills, Tyler 1037.

The brethren having duly assembled and received the distinguished visitors in due form, a hymn of invocation, appropriate to the special occasion, was sung by a small choir, consisting of Bros. H. Warren, Mills, Board, sen. (conductor) and jun., Gee, C. J. Phillips, Rayner, and Hughes; the Organist of the lodge, Bro. H. Gibbs, P.M., presiding at the organ. The transaction of a little formal business followed, and the same brethren sang the anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," to the music of Dr. Clarke Whitfield.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proffered a warm and hearty welcome to the visitors, and addressing them on the special object of the meeting, which he said was unique of its kind in the Province of Dorset, said that for many years past, in fact ever since 1819, the incongruous position of the Master's chair in that lodge had been remarked on. Many suggestions had been made to alter it, and to place the lodge in correct Masonic position as regarded the cardinal points. He remembered that in 1884, when he had the honour of being Master, this was fully discussed, but not carried out. Last Christmas, when the brethren again did him the honour of electing him as Master, he determined that, with their assistance, he would get the work done during the current year. He consequently conferred with several of the brethren, and notably with their W.M., Bro. W. Barlow Morgan, who most generously gave his professional services gratuitously, to whom they were indebted for the excellent plans prepared by him, and who elaborated every detail as the works proceeded. The lodge appointed a Committee who examined the plans, which were produced to the lodge and approved, and he was authorised to get the work done. Bro. Morgan and himself went to London to see the manufacturer of fibrous plaster, of which the capitals of these columns and the cornices and frieze were made. He left it to them to say if they met their approbation. The works executed consisted in the removal of the old and useless organ, the doing away with the organ chamber, and the construction of the apse, the space being taken out of two small rooms (the old organ front had been erected over the harmonium at the west end of the hall), the building of a new kitchen with lift, the conversion of the old kitchen into an ante-room, with entrance into the lodge, the construction of a dais, approached by seven steps, and the re-arrangement of the furniture, rendered necessary by the alterations. These works had cost about £150. At the time the lodge agreed to do this he said he hoped the fees taken from initiates and joining members this year would cover the cost, so no debt would be constructed which it would be a burden for the lodge to bear. He still believed this would be the case. They had initiated nine candidates, and had nine joining members, and the fees and first year's subscriptions from these amounted to about £140. He further believed that at no period of its existence was All Souls' Lodge more numerous, more prosperous, or had members of better social status than now. He was glad it was so. He, however, wanted no increase of members if it meant a loss of respectability; on the contrary, he would rather they lost in members if they gained in respectability. Well, the work being completed, it was thought it would be a good thing if they could get some rulers of the Craft to grace by their presence their ceremony that day. He thanked those present for their attendance, and for the kindly promptitude with which they accepted his invitation, and he prayed the Great Architect of the Universe to so bless that Masonic Temple, raised to His glory, that the lives lived by the members of this ancient Fraternity might convince the world that a good Mason was a good man, and that by reason of being a Mason he was a better man than a good man not a Mason. He now declared All Souls' Lodge dedicated afresh to the glory of God and for the purposes of Freemasonry for all time; and he called on their Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. MEIGH, to read suitable portions of the Sacred Law, and to offer the dedicatory prayer, the brethren remaining seated during the reading, and whilst the prayer was being offered standing facing the east.

This having been done, and a sacred chorale given by the choir, the Treasurer, Bro. J. A. SHERREN, P.M., P.P.G.

Purst., read a sketch of the history of the lodge containing many details of considerable interest, concluding with a reference to some of the leading events in its modern history.

After a hymn of thanksgiving, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Dorsetshire, Bro. BRYMER, Bros. COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Sir RICHARD HOWARD, and Rev. W. MORTIMER HEATH individually expressed their hearty congratulations to the W.M. and the members of the lodge on the success of their efforts.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in the course of his response, announced that Mrs. Michell Smith had presented the useful curtain at the back of the chair, with a necessary cover for the protection of the silk hangings when not in use; and that Mrs. Milledge had made the handsome cover for the tracing boards, introducing the old Coat of Arms into the work. On the proposition of Bro. J. P. MONTAGU, seconded by Bro. Sir R. HOWARD, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to these ladies.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then, pointing to the windows lighting the hall, said there were five of them which it was proposed to fill with stained glass. Bro. Pelly Hooper had promised one of these, and thought he could obtain the funds for one other. He hoped the Past Masters of the lodge would provide one, and with these inserted he had little doubt the whole would be filled in good time.

With the usual formalities and a closing hymn the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served by Bro. A. Graham in the Jubilee Hall. This had been decorated with excellent taste by Mrs. Case, the Mayor and others kindly sending plants in pots and cut flowers for the purpose.

The W.M. presided, and was supported by most of the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, who had been present in the lodge, and by nearly all the brethren.

Following the repast, "Non nobis Domine" was sung; and the W.M. proceeded to give the customary Masonic and loyal toasts, beginning with "The Queen and the Craft," and passing on to "The Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master," the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales" being sung.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL CLERKE, Grand Secretary, responded for the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master, the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G. Master, and Present and Past Grand Officers," remarked that it related to a number of brethren in all phases of society, who, amidst their various avocations, cheerfully gave their services and time for the good of Masonry. Those brethren had been fortunate enough to obtain the approbation of the Grand Master, and were always anxiously endeavouring to show that their Masonic career was such as to amply justify that choice. Their services were always kindly received by the brethren, and he was sure they were most grateful for them. In responding for the Grand Officers he would say a word or two about their chief, because it was well for them to know they had such an excellent brother in the position of their Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. They must not look upon his Royal Highness as merely an ornamental Grand Master, for he worked hard, and took every interest in the affairs of the Order, and amongst his innumerable engagements he found time to go into every detail of importance which affected their interest. Having spoken in appreciative terms of the valuable services of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom, the Grand Secretary next thanked the brethren personally for their reception of the toast. That was not the first time he had had the pleasure and honour of being in the Province of Dorset. He had many personal friends there; upon many occasions he had met them, and still, he was glad to say, he continued to form new friendships. It was, therefore, very pleasing to him to come down into the old and honourable province, which had existed as such for exactly 102 years, for it was in the year 1786 that the celebrated Bro. Dunckerley was appointed first Prov. Grand Master. Since that time they had had many worthy brethren to preside over it, whose names were household words—Bro. William Williams and Bro. Eliot, for instance—good names, and known to them well; and last, but not least, Bro. Montague Guest, their present Prov. G. Master. In saying they were extremely fortunate in having been presided over by those distinguished brethren, he ought not to omit their dear old Bro. Gundry, whom many of them remembered. In conclusion, Col. Clerke wished the Province and All Souls' Lodge every possible success.

Bro. Sir R. N. HOWARD, J.G.D. of England, being called upon, said he felt proud of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the Grand Master, and he hoped and trusted that as a Grand Officer he should do everything he could to merit the approval of his chiefs, which was one of the principal duties of a Mason. He was extremely proud to think that this province had been chosen from which to select one of the officers of the Grand Lodge, however unworthy he himself personally might be.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposing "The Provincial Grand Lodge and its Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," expressed regret at the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, through family affliction. But he was pleased to say they had present their old friend and brother, whom they were always delighted to see, Bro. Brymer, and several other distinguished Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past, including the Prov. G. Treas., Bro. Thornton, and the Prov. G. Wardens, Bros. Trevor Davies and Gregory, and others.

Bros. BRYMER and THORNTON briefly acknowledged the compliment, the former reminding the brethren of the forthcoming Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at Shaftesbury; and the latter, as Prov. G. Treasurer, said he was pleased to tell them the finances of the province were in a very satisfactory condition. There were funds sufficient, and more than sufficient, to meet ordinary requirements; and if any exceptional demands were to occur, after what they had seen that day, he should know where first to turn for aid and assistance. He could assure them he should always in future look upon the Treasurer of such a flourishing lodge as theirs with great and peculiar interest.

Bro. TREVOR DAVIES also responded, and having added his congratulations to the W.M., he expressed his admiration of their renovated lodge, which he contrasted with their place of assembly at Sherborne, and said he hoped Bro. Milledge might live long enough, notwithstanding the way in which they had re-decorated their temple, to see the necessity of its being again repaired, again renovated, and again re-opened.

Bro. BRYMER, in cordial terms, proposed "The Master of the Lodge." They all knew, he said, that from the commencement of his Masonic career Bro. Milledge had done everything he could to support and uphold the princi-

ples of the Craft, and in the future, the efforts he had made to improve his mother lodge would stand out with great prominence. It was not for outsiders only to judge of the way in which the work had been carried out, but for the members of All Souls also to testify their appreciation. As outsiders, they could truly say that all that had been done had been carried out with much taste and decorum, and he might say also, not only from what he had seen that day, but on many other occasions when he had been present, that Bro. Milledge filled the chair and conducted the business of the lodge in the same way that he had conducted the work now completed.

The W.M., in reply, took exception to the flattering words which had been showered upon him, and which should have been distributed amongst the brethren, notably to Bro. Morgan, who had planned and superintended the work. Individually he could have done nothing; he simply led and assisted those who were quite as anxious as himself that the work should be carried out and done well. There was no member of the lodge, however, who had the work more thoroughly at heart than himself, and there was no member who had afforded greater assistance in the carrying of it out than Bro. Morgan. Bro. Morgan was an exceedingly busy man, and at this particular juncture most important matters were transpiring in their important and ancient borough, but, notwithstanding all this, which kept Bro. Morgan at work early and late, he had found time to render valuable assistance in carrying out the improvements of which that day had witnessed the full completion. Therefore, he must ask them to take off a considerable percentage of the eulogies passed upon him and transfer them to Bro. Morgan's shoulders. Having alluded in appreciative terms to the valuable help rendered by Bro. Whettam, and the interest taken in it by Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, the Worshipful Master said what had raised their lodge to its present position, and the only thing that would maintain that position in the future, was the remarkable "esprit de corps" which existed among them so pre-eminently above a great many lodges. There was no lodge in England where this feeling was more shown than in All Souls, and to it alone he attributed the successful completion of the work.

"The Visitors" was next given, the W.M. remarking that out of 13 lodges in the provinces 12 were represented on that occasion, and there was an almost equal number of provinces also represented, including, besides their own, Cheshire, Bristol, Somerset, Hants, Middlesex, Wilts, Devon, and others.

Bro. DAVIS, of the Province of Cheshire, acknowledged the toast.

The services of the choir for the day were formally recognised from the Chair.

Bros. GIBBS, organist; BOARD, conductor; and PHILLIPS responded.

For "The P.M.'s of All Souls' Lodge" Bros. COLE and C. G. TARGETT returned thanks.

With "The Officers of the Lodge" were coupled the names of Bros. Rev. J. H. Scott, S.W.; E. T. Targett, and W. B. Morgan.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. SCOTT said the name of Milledge had been connected with the lodge for something like 70 years, and in the future the name of Milledge would be connected with one of the brightest epochs of the lodge's history. Their Master's father was a well-known and respected Mason, and two worthy sons were now following in his footsteps.

Bros. TARGETT and W. B. MORGAN also replied.

Before the Charity box was passed round, Bro. MONTAGU gave some details of the Charitable work of the Craft, notably its magnificent contribution of £50,500 this year to the Girls' School, and said when they came into this province 20 years ago they had a total of 70 votes; that number now exceeded 750. In conclusion, he proposed "The Masonic Charities," which

Bro. the Rev. W. MORTIMER HEATH was called upon to acknowledge, and did so in appropriate terms, enlarging on the influence of these Institutions, and suggesting they were the outcome of practical religion—the brethren, with respect to them, not only talked, but acted.

Several other toasts, chiefly of a personal nature, were given before the party separated.

The proceedings were enlivened by some singing far above the general average, the execution of the glee, "Mynheer Van Dunck," by Bros. Gee and Board, sen. and jun., being exceptionally fine, as was also Bro. Board, sen.'s, interpretation of "The fine Old English Gentleman," the principal other contributors being Bros. Phillips, Rayner, Leverett, and Gee.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BATLEY.—On the 19th inst., at Gledholt, Huddersfield, the wife of G. L. Batley, of a daughter.

CHAMBERS.—On the 21st inst., at Rodmill, Shortlands, Kent, the wife of E. Chambers, Esq., of a daughter.

DOBSON.—On the 21st inst., at Westgate, Croydon, the wife of T. W. Dobson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

DAYSON—GOODERIDGE.—On the 11th inst., at College Park Wesleyan Church, Lewisham, S.E., by the Rev. W. Gooderidge (brother of the bride), Bro. Robert Dayson, S.W. 458, P.P.G. Organist (Royal Arch), West Yorkshire, to Hephzibah Gooderidge, both of Gooles.

PITT—JACKMAN.—On the 20th inst., at St. James's Church, Exeter, P. M. Pitt, of Woodbury, near Exeter, to Catherine Jane, daughter of the late J. C. Jackman, Esq., of Hartpur, in the county of Gloucester.

WITHERS—OLIVER.—On the 18th inst., at St. Andrew's Church, Nottingham, J. S. Withers, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of The Grove, Sale, Cheshire, to Hannah Mary, daughter of the late T. Oliver, of Fern Lodge, Sherwood-rise, Nottingham.

DEATHS.

ANDREWS.—On the 21st inst., at St. Luke's Vicarage, Kentish Town, C. H. Andrews, for 19 years vicar of the parish, aged 66.

CRIBB.—On the 20th inst., at Bishops Stortford, Elizabeth Cribb, sister of the late H. Cribb, of Bishops Stortford, and of the late J. J. Cribb, of Cambridge, surgeons, aged 82.

RILEY.—On the 20th inst., at his father's residence, Walter, son of G. Riley, of the Borough, Southwark, and Blakewood, Anerley Park, aged 32.



The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held at Camborne on Thursday. A report will appear in our next.

The St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1861, resumes its meetings at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 3rd prox., at 8 o'clock p.m. Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M., is the Preceptor, and Bro. Fred. Craggs, Secretary.

The Secretary of State for War arrived at Sheerness from Portsmouth on the 16th instant for the purpose of inspecting the defences of the Thames and Medway. The right honourable gentleman was received by the naval and military authorities, and by them conducted over the various ports and other defences. At the conclusion of his visit he left for Gravesend.

Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P., has made known to the Chairman of the Buckrose Conservative Association his intention of not offering himself as a candidate for re-election at the next General Election. Bro. Sykes has held the seat for 22 years, and in his letter expresses his grateful thanks to the electors of the East Riding and Buckrose divisions for their uniform kindness and support.

The Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the floods in Poplar and the Isle of Dogs will be closed at the end of the present week, when it is expected that the sum required—about £5000—will have been received.

The Mayor of Windsor has already received a considerable amount towards the guarantee fund and expenses in connection with the International Show, which will be held by the Royal Agricultural Society in Windsor Great Park next year.

A National Association has been formed for the Advancement of Art and its Application to Industry "for the purpose of holding an annual congress in the principal manufacturing towns of the Kingdom in rotation, to discuss problems of a practical nature connected with the welfare of the arts, fine and applied." The President of the Association is Bro. Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., and among the Vice-Presidents are Bros. the Earl of Wharcliffe and the Right Hon. David Plunket, M.P. By invitation the first congress will be held at Liverpool, either at the end of November or in the middle of December.

A meeting was held at Stafford on Saturday last, under the presidency of the Mayor, for the purpose of considering the best means of securing Cannock Chase as a National Rifle Range. Bros. Lord Burton and Hamar Bass, M.P., were among those present who took part in the proceedings.

The first meeting of the Dramatic and Arts Lodge, No. 757 (S.C.), the charter for which was recently granted by Grand Lodge, was held on the 15th inst., in the Clarendon Hotel, Edinburgh, when the following office bearers were installed by Bro. Sheriff Crichton: Bros. W. G. Stevenson, A.R.S.A., R.W.M.; Frank Emery, S.W.; Walter Hutton, J.W.; W. A. Davis, Secretary; and J. P. Curle, Treasurer. Bros. Hatton and Emery, being English Masons, were affiliated to the Scottish Craft. It is expected that at the next meeting of the lodge Sir Archibald Campbell, Grand Master of Scotland, will be present at the consecration ceremony.

At a meeting of the St. George's Chapter, No. 2025, held at Stonehouse on Thursday, the 16th inst., the Principals for the year ensuing were elected as follows: Comps. W. Adam, Z.; T. J. Bond, H.; and C. G. Withell, J. Comp. G. R. Barrett, P.Z., was re-elected as the Treasurer. During the evening two brethren were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree.

We are glad to observe the spread of the Order in the West of London, and the marked improvement in the attendances at the lodges of instruction, particularly at the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, which is now under the Preceptorship of our esteemed Bro. James Sims, P.M., who has been so long a member of the mother lodge, and also has for its Secretary our able and energetic Bro. D. S. Long.

The foundation-stone of the new church of All Saints', Rockwell-green, Wellington, Somerset, will be laid by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, on September 10th. His lordship has expressed a strong wish that the operative part of the ceremony shall be performed with Masonic honours, and the assistance of Lord Carnarvon, as Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, has been invited.

The annual fête in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, which, notwithstanding the weather was by no means as favourable as could have been wished, was very numerously attended. There was a long and varied programme of entertainments, including a military tournament, a balloon ascent, performances by sundry of the Police bands, &c.

Bro. the Right Rev. the Bishop of New Westminster gave a most interesting lecture on British Columbia on Friday, the 10th inst., in St. Andrew's Hall, Southport. The lecture was illustrated by photographic views shown by Bro. W. Marsden's powerful lime light lantern, and embraced mountain, woodland, and river scenery along the route of the Great Canadian Pacific Railway; mining villages; groups of natives pursuing their various occupations; waterfalls; glaciers; railway bridges; and other objects of interests. A short concert preceded the lecture, in which Miss Walker (piano), Mr. A. Froane, (flute), Miss Sillitoe (daughter of Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br.), Bros. John Strong, and J. S. Watson took part. The Hall was filled. Both concert and lecture were highly appreciated, and a good sum was collected in aid of the New Westminster Diocesan Funds. On Sunday, the 12th inst., the Right Rev. Bishop preached, in the morning, in St. Luke's Church, Southport; afternoon, Parish Church, Rufford; and evening in St. Andrew's Church, Southport. At each of these churches the offertories were given to the Bishop in aid of his work in his extensive diocese.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, will resume its meetings to-morrow (Saturday) at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7 p.m.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., presided at the meeting of the Plenipotentiaries to the International Conference on Sugar Bounties, which was held at the Foreign Office on Thursday, the 16th instant. After a three hours' sitting, the conference adjourned till Monday next, the 27th instant. In the evening the Plenipotentiaries and the Prime Minister, who had been prevented attending the meeting, dined with Bro. Baron H. de Worms and the Baroness de Worms at their residence, 42, Grosvenor-place.

THE ANGLO-DANISH EXHIBITION.—Mr. Sam Deards has been awarded a "Diploma of Honour" and a commemorative "Gold Medal" for his patent Victoria Dry Glazing at the above exhibition.

Bro. Charles Du Val, who seems to revel in visiting out-of-the-way places with his famous Monologue Show, has reached the South African Gold Fields of De Kaap, and appeared with great success in the mining town of Barberton. Bro. Du Val previously visited the gold-bearing districts of Witwatersrand, and he is preparing some description of the Transvaal Fields for publication. He is accompanied on his tour by Mrs. Du Val, Mr. Frederic Carter, late proprietor of *The Journalist*, and Mr. Breakspere Smith, of the London Conservatoire. He will probably visit Delagoa Bay, running over the route to the terminus, and thence to the port by the new railway. Should the present difficulty in Zululand assume the proportions of a war of any magnitude, the occasion will perhaps afford Bro. Du Val an opportunity for developing his powers as a war correspondent for a short time, and he will then proceed to finish the projected tour in India, China, and Japan.—*Barberton Herald*.

MASONIC PICNIC.—The brethren of the Cowper and Newton Lodge, Olney, had an outing on the 10th inst. At 2.45 p.m. they started to row (through the kindness of Bro. Hipwell, who provided the boats) to the island, which was reached in due course, when bathing, fishing, and boating were indulged in until six p.m., when refreshments were announced, at which Bro. Cooper, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Guille, S.W.; Booth, J.W.; Lochner, Treas.; Swannell, Sec.; J. C. Hipwell, S.D.; H. Hipwell, J.D.; Cannon, Stwd.; C. Whitlock, I.G.; G. Whitlock, P.M.; and G. Slinn, P.M. After spending a most enjoyable time they started on their return journey, arriving at Olney at 9.30 p.m. It was the unanimous wish of the brethren to have another outing before the season is too far advanced.

Bro. the Lord Mayor of London has consented to visit Stockport on Saturday, the 8th September prox., in order to lay the foundation-stone of the new Technical Schools, and has expressed a desire that the ceremony should be attended with Masonic rites.

According to a Reuter's telegram from The Hague, dated the 20th inst., our illustrious Bro. the King of the Netherlands has been suffering for some days past from a severe cold, and has been confined to his bed at his castle at Loo. There is nothing serious the matter with his Majesty, but, owing to his advanced age, great care is necessary.

Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., and the Baroness de Worms have left 42, Grosvenor-place for their residence near Folkestone, where they will spend part of the Parliamentary recess.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, held at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, on the 3rd prox., at 7 o'clock p.m. Bro. D. Costa, Preceptor, will preside, with Bros. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, as S.W.; L. Da Costa, S.W. 1349, as J.W.; and D. Moss, P.M. 1275, as I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. M. Cooper, 1349; 2nd, Bro. A. Jacobs, I.G. 1349; 3rd, Bro. Shoesmith, W.M. 1349; 4th, Bro. L. Da Costa, S.W. 1349; 5th, Bro. J. De Cassnes, J.W. 1349; 6th, Bro. J. Maloney, J.W. 1625; 7th, Bro. W. Richardson, J.W. 175. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. C. Fox, S.D. 1349; 2nd, Bro. L. Simmons, 185; 3rd, Bro. J. Oxley, J.W. 1306; 4th, Bro. D. Moss, P.M. 1275; 5th, Bro. D. Snuter, 1349. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. H. Marks, P.M. 1349; 2nd, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; 3rd, Bro. Harris, 1349. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans has remitted 10 per cent. of rent to his tenants on his Redbourne, Hibaldston, and Waddingham property.

The personal estate of the late Mrs. Margaret Hanson, stepmother of Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., has been valued at £13,600, and the income on the bulk of this sum is to be applied to the maintenance in perpetuity in the City of a missionary or missionaries.

The 12th annual encampment of the Volunteer Engineers was opened at Chatham on Saturday last, and will continue until the close of next week. The detachments are from Aberdeen, Glasgow, Newcastle, Sheffield, Liverpool, and the Metropolis, and they will undergo a course of instruction in throwing up redoubts, building casemates, &c. Col. Allison, Newcastle Engineers, is again in command, and Capt. T. de la H. Brotherton is the Camp Adjutant.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Viscount and Viscountess Cranbourne, left Hatfield House on Saturday last, and travelled via Dover to Calais, whence his lordship continued his journey to Royat-les-Bains, where the Marchioness of Salisbury with Lady Gwendolen and Lord Hugh Cecil were already staying. After a few weeks' stay, the noble lord and family will go to the Chalet Cecil, near Dieppe, for the remainder of the recess.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Wounds, Sores, and Ulcers.—Daily experience confirms the fact which has triumphed over opposition for more than forty years—viz., that no means are known equal to Holloway's remedies for curing bad legs, sores, wounds, diseases of the skin, erysipelas, abscesses, burns, scalds, and, in truth, all cases where the skin is broken. To cure these intimities quickly is of primary importance, as the compulsory confinement indoors weakens the general health. The ready means of cure are found in Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which heal the sores and expel their cause. In the very worst cases the Ointment has succeeded in effecting a perfect cure, after every other means has failed of giving any relief. Desperate cases best display its virtues.—ADVT.

We are asked to state that the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, now holds its meetings at the Holborn Restaurant, instead of Red Lion-square.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, and the Lady Sybil Beauclerk has arrived at Newtown Anner, the Duchess's seat in County Tipperary, from Bestwood Park, Nottinghamshire, while Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Drogheda are at Moore Abbey, County Kildare, after a short sojourn at Cowes, Isle of Wight, where his lordship had been yachting.

The High Sheriff of the County Kildare, Mr. Mackey Wilson, has contributed the sum of £1000 towards the Royal Irish Constabulary Jubilee Fund.

Her Majesty and the other members of the Royal Family left Osborne en route for Scotland on Tuesday evening. They crossed in the Royal Yacht *Alberta* to the Royal Clarence Victualling Yard, passing on the way the men-of-war which had recently arrived from the naval manœuvres at Spithead, and which were dressed with bunting in rainbow fashion. On arrival at the Yard the Queen was received by Bro. Admiral Sir J. E. Commerell, V.C., G.C.B., and General Bro. Sir George Willis, and shortly afterwards the train left for the north.

The annual meetings of the Iron and Steel Institute commenced at Edinburgh on Tuesday, the attendance of members being considerable. The President and members received a hearty welcome from the Lord Provost, from the Senate of the University, and the citizens generally.

A conference will shortly be held between the Organising Committee of the Imperial Institute and representatives of the principal Chambers of Commerce and Trade Associations with a view to discussing the suggestions which have been offered for the operations of the Commercial Intelligence Department.

The 4000 volunteers who had been taking part in the Aldershot manœuvres with the regular troops under Sir A. Alison left Aldershot on Saturday last, the General previously thanking them and complimenting them on their exemplary discipline and conduct and the soldier-like manner in which they had performed the hard work which had been required of them.

"She" is expected to be ready for production, at the Gaiety Theatre, on September 6th. The final rehearsals of the elaborate scenic effects will necessitate closing the theatre for three nights, so the last performance of "Marina" will be Saturday, September 1st. Chasmore has designed the dresses to be worn in "She." The Ammahagger dance is being arranged by John D'Auban.

Bro. Augustus Harris has announced in the daily press his intention of holding an exhibition of arms, pictures, &c., relating to the Armada and its contemporary history, in the Grand Saloon of Drury Lane Theatre on the 22nd October. Bro. Harris has been able to secure the services of a powerful Committee to assist him in carrying out his intention, and will be grateful to any persons who will assist him with the loan of articles or otherwise.

The United Central Board of the Co-operative movement held their annual festival at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, when the admissions numbered 27,169, and a very excellent programme of indoor and outdoor amusement was provided.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Halsbury have arrived at Pendruccombe, Launceston, where they purpose spending the holidays.

The Foresters' Great Fête and Ball in aid of the Distress Gift Fund and the Asylum for Aged Foresters, their Wives and Widows, will take place at the Crystal Palace on Monday next, the 27th inst.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters have left Wiesbaden for Gmünden on a visit to the Duchess of Cumberland.

The Prince of Wales has done Mr. Grimble the honour to accept a copy of his *édition de luxe* of "Deer Stalking."

The well-known purveyors, Messrs. Brand and Co., of Mayfair, have introduced an article which, backed up by the reputation this firm possesses, will no doubt become one of large consumption. They have named it "Beef Bouillon," and they claim for it that it is wholesome, nutritious, and of the purest possible quality.

Mr. Charles Wyndham wanted to have a holiday, though "David Garrick" was still in the full tide of its success. He, therefore, did both wisely and well in reviving that ever popular comedy of Mr. Burnand's, "Betsy," played originally at the same theatre some nine or ten years ago. Many of the old company play in the revival, notably, Miss Lottie Venne, Miss Rose Saker, Mr. Maltby, and Mr. Herbert Standing. Alas, there is a tinge of melancholy attached now to "Betsy" for old play-goers, for poor Bro. W. J. Hill and Mr. Lytton Sothorn are no more. Mr. Aubrey Boucicaut now plays Dolly Birkett, and it must be allowed he very cleverly illustrated the boyish character. Mr. Geo. Giddens is an excellent young Talbot. We think the audience on the whole seemed to be more amused with Mr. Maltby's, Rev. Samuel Dawson and Mr. Blakeley's Mr. Birkett, and well they might be. They are both rich bits of character acting. Of course, Miss Lottie Venne, as Betsy, is as "pique" as ever and is as vociferously cheered by stalls as by pit and gallery. This farcical comedy, although taken from the French, is absolutely owing to Mr. Burnand's adaptive skill, without anything in the least offensive. We are sure play-goers of all classes will appreciate Mr. Wyndham's venture in putting up this old but never worn-out farcical comedy. Since the first night the Criterion has been full at each performance, and we shall not be surprised if it should run up to Christmas. Intending visitors should certainly be in time to see the opening piece by the late Charles Matthews, "The Dowager," in which the part originally played by Madame Vestris is now ably performed by Miss Saker. Bro. Herbert Standing is in the cast, as are also Mr. Emery and Miss Ella Terriss, the youthful daughter of Bro. Wm. Terriss, who plays with perfect artistic taste and looks sweetly pretty. On Saturday next, September 1st., Mr. Beerbohm Tree re-opens the Haymarket with Mr. Haddon Chambers' new play, "Captain Swift," which met with a great reception at a matinée a few weeks ago. The cast will include Mr. and Mrs. Tree, Bro. W. H. Macklin, Mr. Kembe, Miss Rose Leclercq, and Mr. Fuller Mellish.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, September 1, 1888.

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, AUGUST 25.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
Chap. 1777, Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.
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.
Industry Chap., Pr. Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, 7.30.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27.

Lodge 2105, Cama, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
Hammersmith, The Baths, Blacks-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
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, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
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. 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.
Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E., at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.

Lodge 1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, 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, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-rd. and Middleton-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-st., Cheapside, at 7.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Emulation, Bull Hot., Dartford, 8.30.
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, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgcumbe, 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.
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.
Mount Sion Chapter, Five Bells, Moorfields, E.C., at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby Place, Poplar.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, The Alfred Tav., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
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.
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wal. Hot., Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 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.
Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, 6.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creton, Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8 p.m.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Elliot, 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.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.
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.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
Tredegar, 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.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

House Committee Benevolent Institution, at 3.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, at 7.30.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
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.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
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, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canon-bury, 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, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 7.
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-rd., 7.30.
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., 7.30.
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, SEPTEMBER 1.

Lodge 2148, Walsingham, M.H., Wilmington, Kent.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.
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