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The Province of East Lancashire. THE various reports that were read at the recent annual meeting at Newchurch, Rossendale, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire showed that in nearly all respects the position of affairs in the most numerous of our provinces is satisfactory. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's statement of account for the past year closed with a balance in bank and the hands of the Provincial Grand Secretary amounting to £285, or a few pounds in excess of the balance at the end of the preceding year. From the statistics read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, it appears that a new lodge was consecrated during the year, raising the total on the roll to 98, while the number of subscribing members was 4213, or 202 more than last year, the present average per lodge being a fraction over 44. It was pointed out, however, that there had been many exclusions and resignations, and at the same time a considerable number of members in arrear, the inference from this last mentioned circumstance being that sufficient vigilance had not been exercised by the lodges to prevent undesirable persons from being admitted into the Society. The Report of the Charity Committee was satisfactory in all points but one, namely, that it recorded the death of its Chairman, Bro. J. A. BIRCH, who had rendered very material assistance in promoting and maintaining the local Masonic Charitable organisation, and to whose memory, therefore, Provincial Grand Lodge paid a becoming tribute of respect, accompanied by a unanimous and sincere expression of sympathy with the family of the deceased brother. It was announced that Bro. HEBLIS, Prov. S.G.W., had been appointed successor to Bro. BIRCH as Chairman of the Provincial Charity Committee, and the various Prov. Grand Officers having been appointed and invested, the proceedings came to an end. We congratulate Bro. Col. STARKIE, P.G.M., and the East Lancashire brethren generally on the accounts rendered of their doings during the past year, and we trust they will continue to be of a similarly satisfactory character.

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The Craft in Lincolnshire. IT is evident that the worthy brethren of Lincolnshire have determined it shall no longer be charged against them that they are not in evidence to the extent which may reasonably be expected of a Province which has upwards of 20 lodges on its roll. A few years since we heard but little of their doings, now it is frequently our good fortune to be able to publish accounts of their meetings, and from those accounts we gather that a fair amount of creditable work is being done by their lodges. The other day the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Grimsby, and upwards of 260 members, among whom were representatives from every lodge in the Province, were assembled together, under the presidency of Bro. Major SMYTH, P.G. Master. The various reports that were submitted proved satisfactory in all respects, and as a compliment to Bro. H. E. COUSANS, who has acted as Prov. Charity Steward for the last two years, and took up a list of £116 11s. at the Centenary of the Girls' School in 1888, and one amounting to £374 7s. in February last for the Benevolent Institution, that worthy brother was presented with the Charity jewel. It was further resolved to support the Girls' School next year, and two brethren were chosen to act as Stewards for the Province. All this shows a set determination on the part of Lincolnshire to continue in the path of activity on which it has latterly entered, and we trust that in future years the reports of the annual meetings will be as gratifying as this has been. We regret to hear that Bro. Major LOCOCK should have found it necessary on the score of failing health to resign his office of Dep. P.G.M., and we trust ere long that the cause which has led to his retirement will be removed. However, a good man has been appointed to succeed him, who will find his duties all the less onerous from the fact of his being Bro. Major LOCOCK'S successor. It speaks well for the good fellowship which must prevail among the Lincolnshire Craftsmen, that nearly 180 of the brethren who attended Prov. G. Lodge were present at the banquet which followed. It is a sure sign that Freemasonry agrees with its constituents when so many share in the refreshment which properly follows labour.

Freemasonry in Shropshire. THERE have been several occasions on which it has devolved on us to speak in terms of warm and well-merited commendation of the zeal and activity exhibited by the brethren in Shropshire, not only in behalf of the Masonic Institutions, towards which they have shown so much goodwill, but also in respect of the work appointed to be done in their private lodges and Prov. G. Lodge. It is less than four years since they were constituted as a separate Province, under the rule of Bro. Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart., yet in that brief space of time they have succeeded in reducing their provincial organisation into admirable working order, and, considering how restricted are their numbers, have done wonders in aid of the Central Charities, and especially of the Girls' School, both in 1887, when their Prov. G. Master presided as Chairman at its 99th Anniversary Festival, and last year, when he placed himself at the head of a choice band of brethren as Stewards at the Centenary Festival. In 1886 a new lodge, named the Brownlow, which had been warranted the previous year as No. 2131, was consecrated at Ellesmere, and on Thursday, the 6th inst., as reported last week in our columns, a second lodge—the St. Alkmund, No. 2311—was added to the roll, the ceremony of consecration being performed in the Town Hall, Whitchurch, by Bro. Sir O. WAKEMAN, Bart., P.G. Master, who was well and numerously supported by his Prov. G. Officers and the members of the other lodges in the Province. This raises the number of lodges in Shropshire to a full dozen, and from the facts mentioned by Bro. CRUMP, the first W.M., at the banquet which concluded the proceedings, as to the present constitution and immediate prospects of the St. Alkmund Lodge, we consider there is every likelihood of its proving a very useful addition to those previously existing in the province. At all events, we congratulate the Provincial Grand Master and the province generally on the success which attended the consecration ceremony on the 6th instant, and, so far as our goodwill is likely to be of any service to the lodge, the brethren of the St. Alkmund may rest assured that it will always be exhibited in their behalf. We will add that this is not the first occasion on which a lodge of Freemasonry has been constituted in Whitchurch. In 1785, a lodge was warranted at the White Lion as No. 478, and on the closing up of the lodges, in 1792, became No. 388. In 1789, a second lodge was warranted at the Coach and Horses, as No. 536, this latter being named the Egerton Lodge, in honour of the Hon. and Rev. FRANCIS EGERTON, who was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire in 1786, and had been first S.W. of the elder lodge. On looking through the minutes of Grand Lodge "Moderns," I find that both these lodges were erased from the list on the 25th November, 1801. However, our Shropshire friends will find some curious and interesting information about Freemasonry in Whitchurch at page 150 and following pages of Bro. HENRY SADLER'S "Masonic Facts and Fictions."

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The Prov. G. Lodge of Gloucestershire. THE proceedings in connection with the annual meeting, at Tewkesbury, on Wednesday, the 5th instant, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Gloucestershire, appear to have been on a more extensive scale than usual. The brethren of the St. George's Lodge, No. 900, under whose banner the meeting was held, had laid themselves out in order to give an exceptionally pleasant welcome to the members from other lodges who proposed to be present, and accordingly a Lodge of Recreation met on the good ship Ceres, about 100 brethren, comprising members and visitors, being present, and a pleasant excursion was made down the River Severn as far as Deerhurst, where so much time was spent in inspecting the beauties of the ancient chapel and church, that the trip, which was to have been continued further, was shortened so that the party might get back to Tewkesbury in time for the opening of the Prov. G. Lodge at 2.30 p.m., in the Town Hall, where a large number who had not been able to join the water party had assembled. Here R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., presided, his Deputy P.G.M., Bro. VASSAR-SMITH, and his Prov. G. Officers, both Present and Past, with the representatives of all the 14 lodges in the Province being present in very considerable force. The business transacted, if it calls for no particular remark, was of a very satisfactory nature, and must have afforded the utmost pleasure to the Prov. Grand Master, his Officers, and the brethren. The report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, notwithstanding there had been a somewhat heavy drain on the resources of the Provincial Grand Lodge, showed a balance in hand of close on £100. The report of the Prov. Charity Secretary—Bro. VASSAR-SMITH, D.P.G.M.—indicated a steady amount of useful work done during the year, while the accounts showed a balance in hand of £138 in respect of the Provincial Benevolent Fund. A small balance remaining from the Brook-Smith Memorial Fund was directed to be applied to the purposes of the Provincial Benevolent Fund, the cost of the memorial window in Cheltenham Parish Church, which was

unveiled in March, having been already defrayed out of the monies raised for the purpose. Among the brethren who were subsequently invested as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year will be found the name of Bro. Lord FITZHARDINGE, who was Master of the Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge, No. 270, in 1861, and had been elected for the second time, to serve as W.M. at the Centenary of the lodge, which will occur next month, the lodge having been founded in London on the 26th July, 1789. His lordship, who served as Prov. G. Supt. of Works in 1859, was on this occasion—though unavoidably absent from the meeting—appointed Prov. S.G.W., and we doubt not very highly appreciates the compliment thus paid to him and Lodge No. 270. Thus everything, including the banquet and an organ recital by Bro. HEMINGWAY, in the Abbey, passed off most satisfactorily, and we feel sure our Gloucestershire friends will long remember the succession of pleasant circumstances which attended the meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge at Tewkesbury in this year of grace 1889.

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THE EARL OF ONSLOW IN NEW ZEALAND.

WHATEVER differences of opinion may exist among the brethren of the three Constitutions in New Zealand as to the desirability or otherwise of establishing an independent Grand Lodge for the Colony, it is clear there can have been no difference as to the propriety of extending towards Bro. the Earl of ONSLOW, P.S.G.W. of England, and P.S.G.W. of the Mark Degree, on his arrival to undertake the duties of Governor, not only such a welcome from the Craft as a brother of his exalted rank was entitled to, but also a welcome that would show his lordship that, though under a different sky, and in a strange community, he was yet no stranger, but a brother towards whom every possible kindness and courtesy would be exhibited. Accordingly, on the 22nd April, on his lordship's arrival in Auckland, the English, Irish, and Scotch brethren, under their respective District or Prov. G. Masters, and principal officers, and wearing the full insignia of their rank, lined the approaches to Government House, and on his Excellency alighting from his carriage, addresses (1) on behalf of the three presiding Craft bodies, and (2) from the Dist. G. Mark Lodge, were read and presented, and suitably acknowledged by his lordship. On the following day, a grand Masonic banquet was held in the Auckland Choral Hall, at which Bro. G. S. GRAHAM, Dist. G.M. (E.C.), presided, Bros. G. P. PIERCE, Prov. G.M. (I.C.), and Sir F. WHITAKER, P.G.M. (S.C.), being also present; while Bro. the Earl of ONSLOW, as the guest of the evening, occupied the seat of honour to the right of the Chairman. The most complete harmony prevailed at this gathering, and even if his lordship could have still had any doubts on the subject, after his brilliant reception the day previous, all such doubts must have disappeared when he found himself at this banquet the recipient of so much fraternal kindness and respect. The Earl of ONSLOW is the third Governor whom her MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint during the last few years to rule over an Australian Colony, and who has been at the same time a distinguished Mason, and, in each case, the effect has been to strengthen the feelings of loyalty and affection between the Colonies thus favoured and the mother country. We hope and believe the same result may always follow when those appointed to Colonial Governments are members of our Society.

### MASONIC REPRINTS OF No. 2076.

The long-expected volume of the "Masonic Reprints" of the Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," No. 2076 (or, as the Editor describes it, "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigraphia"), is now in the hands of the subscribers, and will be eagerly welcomed by the hundreds of members of the "Correspondence Circle," scattered over the four "quarters of the globe," as well as by the more select brethren of the "Inner Circle," who compose the lodge proper. The Editor, Bro. G. W. Speth, has wisely selected the same size for the Reprints as for the Transactions, and has done his part with scrupulous care and exactitude. His heart is in the work, and, to my mind, it would be simply impossible to secure a more diligent, enthusiastic, or competent Secretary to fulfil the onerous and important duties of that office. Whatever the lodge is and may become, if the sanguine expectations of some of its supporters are realised, will, beyond question, be largely due to the skill and ability displayed by Bro. Speth from the day the lodge was consecrated until now.

The volume is complete in itself, and so may at once be bound; but I suggest that the arrangement of the parts might advantageously be altered by placing the reprints forming Part II. at the beginning, so as to let Parts II. and III. be in consecutive order. With that view, I refer to Part II. first of all, which consists of—1, The "Plain Dealer," No. 51, of September 14th, 1724, containing an article on the "Gormogons" (pp. 426 to 433), with several curious references to Freemasonry indicative of opposition to the Degrees promoted by the Revivalists of that period. All the portion concerning the Craft and its peculiar rival will be found in the "Grand Mystery," second edition, of A.D. 1725, and an excellent reproduction of which is to be found in Bro. Gould's noble History (Vol. 3). Bro. J. Ramsden Riley gave the rare volume of the "Plain Dealer" to our Library, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead—another member—gave the extremely scarce copy of "An Ode to the Grand Khaibar," of 1726, these two gifts being of great interest and value, and add much to the unique character of our rapidly increasing collection of books.\* If as many pounds were offered as there are pages in these two treasures, in order to secure copies, the attempt would fail to duplicate them, as they are simply unobtainable and invaluable.

The "Ode" is a singular production, long known as such, to Masonic Bibliographers, and most suggestive withal, based upon our "Old Charges," written in a sarcastic vein, but at times so amusing and descriptive of the society as to merit reproduction and critical examination. "Athelstan's and Edwin's Charter," of course, is duly noted, and the Royal Solomon with other notabilities are alluded to by the gifted Poet, who sought to ridicule, in verse, the pretensions of the Frater-

nity. Having been "printed and sold by J. Roberts," Warwick-lane, London, who was the Publisher of the "Roberts' MS." of the "Old Charges," of A.D. 1722; it's just possible the author of the former was a diligent student of the latter pamphlet, which was reproduced by the late Bro. Spencer in his fine edition of the "Old Constitutions," the unique original of which is now safely housed in the famous library of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The third reprint is taken from Smith's "Free Masons's Pocket Companion," of 1738 (Torbeck, London), and is entitled "A Defence of Masonry," which, as Bro. Gould states, was announced in the "Daily Journal," of December 16th, 1730, but the earliest issue of it known, is to be found in the work aforesaid. This "Defence" provides a key to the motives and aspirations which possibly animated the Revivalists of 1717-23, and, without doubt, deserves to be familiar to all Masonic Students, who are anxious to appreciate and estimate the precise character of the Fraternity in relation to "Degrees" of that period. The other reproduction, completing the quartette, is "Brother Euclid's Letter to the Author Against unjust Cavils," which appeared in the Book of Constitutions, 1738, by the Rev. James Anderson, D.D., in which work also is 3rd edition of the "Defence." The title page (exactly reproduced) of the "Constitutions," fitly introduces this epistle, but I should very much have preferred the whole "Book" of 1738, Laws, History, and Appendices, List of Lodges, &c., &c., having been wholly reprinted, instead of being done in such a piecemeal manner, especially as the 2nd edition of the "Constitutions" is by far the most in request just now of that important series. Besides which, I feel assured that such a reprint would prove much more useful to the members of the "Correspondence Circle" than another reproduction of the "Cooke MS.," when the volume published by Spencer and Co., of that celebrated Masonic MS. can be obtained, and is of itself fairly well done. However, this is but a matter of opinion, possibly my own only, but as our lodge was not founded as a "Mutual Admiration Society," and has been conducted on the principle of promoting the utmost freedom of speech amongst its members—their being abundance of diversity without any un-Masonic friction—I claim my liberty to differ from the plan followed by the Publication Committee, whilst at the same time recognising their conspicuous abilities and accepting all they have done, and all they intend to do, with gratitude and loyal support. It is a pleasure for me to note that the last two of the foregoing have been reprinted from copies in the Library of the Grand Lodge of England, and duly acknowledged by the Editor.

The real gem of the volume has yet to be considered, and now my difficulty begins, first, because such an artistic and faithful facsimile of the "Halliwell" or "Regius M.S." demands a lengthy notice, but, primarily, from the fact that Bro. Gould's "Commentary" is of such magnitude and value that quite as much space would be needed to do it justice, as the exhaustive essay itself occupies, even though the critique were written by one who, like myself, has had to acquire the faculty of condensation.

"The Regius MS." (known hitherto as the "Halliwell MS.," but the new title adopted by Bro. Gould is assuredly the most appropriate), which came to the British Museum in 1757, with the "Royal Library," for all practical purposes may be accepted of the 14th century. True, as Bro. Gould remarks, a later date has been ascribed to it by Mr. E. A. Bond, C.B., but David Casley, Deputy Librarian, and the compiler of the "Catalogue of the Manuscripts of the King's Library," 1734, placed this precious document at "XIV. Century"; though he styled it "A Poem of Moral Duties," yet my faith in his ability to correctly judge the age of MSS. remains as firm as ever. He says himself: "I own I may be mistaken in assigning the Century in which a Book was written, and instead of the IXth may have fixed upon the VIIIth or Xth Century. \* \* \* And yet, I have studied that point so much, and have so often compared MSS. without Date with those that have happened to have a date, that I have little doubt as to that Particular." The four lines each in facsimile, from Wycliffe's Bible, late 14th century, and a poem of early 15th century, are useful aids; but as Bro. Gould is content to introduce these typical reproductions for comparison, without stating his final decision, deferring the point to another opportunity, I shall do likewise.

The lithographed facsimile of the Regius MS. has been most carefully executed by Mr. F. Compton Price, and doubtless, may be accepted as an exact copy of the original. Nothing could be better than this beautiful reproduction, which appears faultless. As the size is so small of the MS. itself, and the "Reprints" are in large octavo, two pages of the original occupy the first half of each page of the latter, the remaining portion containing the corresponding transcripts, line for line, of the MS. proper. No other plan could be adopted under the circumstance, and it has the merit also of being handy for reference and comparison. Those of "Urbanitates" (similar to lines 693-794 in the "Regius MS.") and "Instructions for a Parish Priest" (of 15 century) are not page for page as their originals, the text, "owing to the exigences of space," not exactly representing the actual sizes of the MSS. No one but the most captious can complain, notwithstanding this slight departure, for they are beautiful reproductions, and will rank amongst the triumphs of Mr. Compton Price's skill as a most conscientious and painstaking transcriber. The cost, of course, has been heavy, in regard to this, the artistic part of the "Reprints," but that has been borne by our good Bro. H. J. Whympier, C.I.E. (one of our most respected members) who was having the work done for himself, when this volume was projected (though without the knowledge of Bro. Speth, or, in fact, of any of us), and wrote me thereon. I at once put him in correspondence with our indefatigable Secretary, when to the surprise and pleasure of the lodge, he generously placed the whole of the transfers at the disposal of the members! His own edition of the "Regius MS.," superbly bound (on vellum, vellum paper, or ordinary paper; three editions really) is, without exception, the most recherché work ever published in connection with the Craft, and is an honour to him and all concerned in its editing, description, and reproduction. Bro. Gould refers "in grateful terms to the good feeling and generosity evinced by Bro. H. J. Whympier [P.D.D.G.M. Punjab], towards this [2076] lodge, of which, to the great satisfaction of us all, he has since become a member."

Bro. Whympier tells us that the "Regius MS." was "bound in its present cover in or about the year 1838," in exact imitation of its previous cover, which, in the special copies prepared for Bro. Whympier, has been scrupulously followed. This is important, as Bro. Gould notes, because the title on the back of the cover reads "POEM ON THE CRAFT OF MASONRY," and therefore must have been so impressed in 1839, when the late Mr. Halliwell-Phillips, F.R.S., announced his

\* Nos. 195 (also in Grand Lodge) and 452 in Catalogue.

\* No. 798 Catalogue, 2076 Library.

discovery of the Masonic character of the MS. This gentleman, as we know, published a reproduction of the valuable Poem in 1840, with a facsimile of four lines, and a second edition in 1844, with a facsimile of the first page, only not rubricated. Bro. Whymper, by his permission, makes use of Mr. Halliwell's Glossary and Transcript, giving about 20 corrections, and one word omitted, a few being of importance, such as "hole" instead of "lordys," *wordes* for "hordes" and *lame* for "fame." Bro. Lane also tells me he has detected a few more e.g. line 4, "y-wyse" is given as "y-wisse," *ben* is made to read "be" (l. 733) and *worththyor* is represented by "worththyr" l. 737.

Bro. Speth supplies a most copious Glossary, which will be found of great assistance to most readers, and all the more so, because though he has probably consulted the first Glossary made, his compilation is much fuller and more accurate, and moreover includes an explanation of all the obsolete words in the other two poems.

Bro. Gould, like Mr. Halliwell-Phillips speaks very favourably of the German translation by Dr. Asher, published in 1842, but typographically it is a poor specimen by the side of the English editions of 1840-4, and (which appears to have been overlooked by both authorities) goes no farther than line 496. Lines 497 to the end (794) being only briefly described in that wee pamphlet.

W. J. HUGHAN.

(To be continued.)

BYGONES.

"Antiquity after a time has the grace of novelty."—HAZLITT.

FREEMASONRY AMONG THE SAXONS.

A great many archæologists have from time to time tried to pierce through the darkness which surrounds the history of Freemasonry, and more particularly as regards the true relations of the Craft to architecture. It is a subject which affords a field for imagination, and there is no doubt men have taken advantage of the opportunity. But an archæologist who feels that the rules of evidence should guide his conclusions deals with the subject in a different manner. He seeks for data that cannot be disputed, and is chary about drawing conclusions until he feels that sufficient evidence is forthcoming.

The late James Orchard Halliwell or Halliwell-Phillips was a man of the new school. For most readers of newspapers he was a specialist who had devoted himself to one of the most difficult of subjects, the life of Shakespeare, and if he was unable to make it clear that the player was a poet, he at least revealed much about English life in the Elizabethan days.

Earlier, however, in his career, Mr. Halliwell-Phillips's researches were not confined to the works of one man. He was eager to write the history of English poetry, as seen in its earliest attempts, and he was at pains to master the archaisms of the language in order that he might become an interpreter. It was in that way he hit upon the remarkable discovery that a century prior to the Norman conquest there was a recognition of an organisation in connection with building which appears to have corresponded with Freemasonry, as it was believed to exist at a later period of the Middle Ages. It is time, however, the author should be allowed to be his own interpreter. Writing in 1839, he said:

We possess no series of documents, nor even an approach to a series, sufficiently extensive to enable us to form any connected history of the ancient institutions of Masons and Freemasons: we have, in fact, no materials by which we can form any definite idea of the precise nature of those early societies. We must, therefore, rest contented with the light which a few incidental notices and accidental accounts, far from being altogether capable of unsuspected reliance, afford us. These, as far as I have been able to collect, I have arranged in the following few pages, with a hope that some fresh evidences may before long be discovered to elucidate a subject not, by any means, devoid of all interest.

During some late researches among the manuscripts in the British Museum for the illustration of the early history of English poetry, I chanced on one in the Old Royal Library, said in the catalogue by Casley to be a "Poem of Moral Duties," and marked 17 A.I. Upon a further examination, however, I found that it was a very singular and curious poem on the Constitutions of Masonry, and a history and laws of the Society of Masons, stated to have been established by King Athelstan. This MS. consists of a small square duodecimo volume, on vellum, of the fourteenth century, on thirty-three leaves. It is thus entitled in an old rubric:

Hic incipiunt constituciones artis gemetrie secundum Euclidem.

The account commences with a fabulous history of the invention of the art by "the grete clerke Eucluede." It then proceeds to state that—

Thys craft com ynto England as y zow say,  
Yn tyme of good Kyng Adelstones day;  
He made tho bothe, halle and eke bowre,  
And hys templus of gret honowre,  
To sportyn hym yn bothe day and nyzth,  
And to worschepe hys God, with alle hys myzht.

And we then have a full transcript of all the articles in verse. I do not think it necessary to give more than one specimen—

Articulus primus.

The furst artycul of thys gemetry,  
The mayster mason most be full securly—  
Bothe stedefast, trusty, and trewe;  
Hyt schal hym never thenne arewe.  
And pay thy felows after the coste,  
As vytaylys goth thenne wille than woste,  
And pay them trewly upon thy fay,  
What that they deserven may.  
And to here hure take no more.  
But what that they mowe serve fore.  
And spare nowther for love ny drede,  
Of nowther partys to take no mede.  
Of lord my fellow, whether he be,  
Of hem thou take no manner of fe.  
And as a jugge stonde up-rigzth,  
And thenne thou dost to bothe good ryzth,  
And trwly do this, wheresever thou gost,  
Thy worschep, thy profyt, hyt schal be most.

I think that the foundation of such a Society, by King Athelstan, has every adjunct of external probability.

The most refined principles of the art were kept concealed among the more

ingenious members of the Fraternity—the Freemasons—in imitation, perhaps, of a law which, according to Vitruvius, the ancient architects had established among themselves—"non erudibent nisi suos liberos aut cognatos, et eos viris bonos instituebant, quibus tantarum rerum fidei pecuniæ sine dubitatione permitterentur." So studiously did they conceal their secrets, that it may be fairly questioned whether even some of those who were admitted into the Society of Freemasons were wholly skilled in all the mysterious portions of the art.

That industrious antiquary, John Leland, has preserved, in his collections in the Bodleian Library, "certayne questyons, with answers to the same, concernynge the mystery of maconrye, wryttene by the hand of Kynge Henrye the Sixthe."\* The answer to the question, "How comede ytt yn Englonde?" is as follows:

"Peter Gower, a Greacian, journeyedde ffor cunnyng yn Egypte, and yn Syria, and yn everyche lond whereas the Venetians hadde plauntedde moconry, and wynnynge entraunce yn al Lodges of Maconnes, he lernede muche, and retournedde, and woned yn Grecia Magna, wacksynge and becommynge a myghtye wyseacre, and ratelche renowned, and her he framed a grate lodge at Groton, and maked many maconnes, some whereoffe dyd journye yn Fraunce, and maked many maconnes, wherefromme, yn processe of tyme, the arte passed yn Englonde."

This refers to the well-known story about Pythagoras. Groton is the name of a place in England, but the one here meant is Crotona, a city of Grecia Magna, which, in the time of Pythagoras, was in a very flourishing condition. The answers to the eighth and ninth questions are also exceedingly curious.

Henry VI. was the great patron of the societies of Masons, and shielded them from a great deal of persecution, which had begun to assail them. The strenuous enthusiasm of Wickcliffe maintained that beautiful churches savoured of hypocrisy, and, therefore, were pernicious. This opinion, directed against the very foundation and origin and upholds of the different lodges, was not likely to render their situation more safe. It is said that Henry actually joined the society, and, whether the piece copied by Leland be really in his handwriting or not, it is certain that in his will he left to his college in Cambridge the annual sum of £117 6s. 10d. for the wages of officers belonging to the works then in operation—

	£	s.	d.
For the master	...	50	0
For the clarke	...	13	6
For the chief-mason	...	16	13
For the chief-carpenter	...	12	18
For the chief-smith	...	6	13
For two perveours, either of them at sixpence per day	...	18	5
		117	6
		10	

No mean sum in those days for one of a body to inspect the works; and, it must be remembered, a Freemason.

According to Bede, Bennet abbat of Wirral first brought Masons and workers in stone into this country. The company of Freemasons had their arms granted them by William Hunckeslow, Clarenceux King-at-Arms, 13 Edw. IV.; and, two years previously, a company of under Masons was formed in London. The first company was incorporated by charter, in the year 1677, by King Charles II.

In the 3 Hen. VI. an edict was passed against the societies of Masons, which has never, I believe, been repealed:

"Whereas by the yearly congregations and confederacies made by the masons in their general chapters and assemblies, the good course and effect of the statutes of labourers be openly violated and broken, in subversion of the law, and to the great damage of all the Commons: Our said Lord the King, willing in this case to provide remedy, by the advice and assent aforesaid, and at the special request of the said Commons, hath ordained and established that such chapters and congregations shall not be hereafter holden; if they thereof be convict, shall be judged for felons; and that all the other masons that come to such chapters and congregations be punished by imprisonment of their bodies, and make fine and ransom at the king's will."

Thus I leave the matter, with hardly a perceptible hint as to the manner of degeneration from bodies of skilled architects to friendship societies, the only remaining connecting link of their origin being a few signs and marks emblematic of their early efforts. Their separation from the Roman Catholic Church doubtless contributed, in a great measure, to further the distinction; and, when we take into consideration the extreme privacy of their proceedings, it is not much a matter for wonder that no satisfactory record should remain explanatory of the transactions of the primary assemblies.—*The Architect*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., under the banner of the Socrates Lodge, No. 373, Huntingdon. The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L., P.G.M., assisted by Bro. Butler Wilkins, P.G.M., P.G. Std. Br., presided.

The Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall, at 1.45, for the dispatch of business and the appointment of the several officers, Bro. H. T. Smith, W.M. 374, being appointed P.G.S.W. for the ensuing year. Several members of the Socrates Lodge were present, including Bros. John Smith, P.M.; Burgess Allen, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Smith, P.M.; Geo. Hawley, P.M.; Arthur Bunting, P.M.; J. G. Hankin, P.M.; Thos. Coote, jun., P.M.; J. G. Green, P.M.; C. B. Margetts, J. W. Ingram, P.M., D.C.; Rev. T. Hodgson, E. H. Fisher, Algernon Margetts, W. Conney, and several other officers and brethren of the lodge. The number attending the lodge was about 80.

After this the brethren formed in procession, and preceded by the P.G. Sword Bearers with the Masonic emblems and symbols, proceeded to All Saints' Church, where Bro. the Rev. F. S. Thornton, Prov. G.C., had been announced to preach. An interesting feature in the procession was that of four boys (Lewises—sons of Bros. Thackray, Hodgson, and Davis), dressed in white serge, carrying a Bible resting on a prepared bier elegantly decorated with choice white flowers and acacia leaves.

The first portion of the church service was read by the Rev. J. Pycock, the Rev. T. Hodgson reading the lesson. Mr. A. A. Mackintosh presided at the organ for the greater part of the service, Bro. Vialls, P.G.O., Org. of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, playing the voluntaries. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. S. WATHEN WIGG, P.P.G.C. The reverend

\* See *The Architect*, February 18, 1887.

brother took for his text I. Kings, c. 20, part of the 32nd verse—"He is my brother." Before entering more directly into his subject, the preacher expressed regret at the fact that their Rev. Bro. Thornton was unable to occupy that pulpit. As obedience was one of the characteristics of Masonic virtues, he would endeavour to address them, though it was almost on the spur of the moment. Recurring to his text, he said they could not tell exactly the meaning Ahab attached to those words; there might be a deeper meaning than appeared on the surface. But they had a meaning for it even if it were misused. Indeed, it would be difficult even for a Mason to know exactly what his duties were. They could not hear slanderous things spoken of a brother without giving a reply if it were possible. The real part of their Masonic charge was not done with ostentations. There was much real, true brotherhood amongst them. But they could point to greater charges. If a Mason died, and his widow and children were in indigent circumstances, the hand of true brotherhood was stretched out. He would speak of a duty of a brother which was to do more than defend the character of an absent brother; more than to assist him in distress and affliction. It was a much harder duty—to tell a brother of his faults. A true brother would not scruple—however difficult the task might be—to tell a brother if he was going astray from the right path. What made the tie of brotherhood? It might be the tie which binds the nation together. They, that afternoon, were going away in a closer bond still—brethren of this mystic tie. By that tie they were not able to become bound until they were twenty-one years of age. But they as Masons could set an example to the whole outside world. They were brethren because they owned one father. "One is our father, even God; we are brethren, and He is our father."

After the service, about 70 of the brethren met at a banquet, served at the George Hotel by Bro. Goodliff.

The toast list was as follows: "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W. the Pro G.M. of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L.;" "The W. the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins, Past Grand Std. Br.;" "The Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past," moved by Bro. HODGSON, responded to by Bro. H. T. SMITH; "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions, viz.: The Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," responded to by Bro. J. G. GREEN; "The Visiting Brethren;" "The W.M. and Brethren of the Entertaining Lodge, Socrates, No. 373, and the other Lodges in the Province, viz.: Pomfret, No. 360; St. Peter's, No. 442; Fidelity, No. 445; Perseverance, No. 455; Merit, No. 466; Chicheley, No. 607; Wentworth, No. 737; Eleanor Cross, No. 1764; Delapre, No. 1911; and Euston, No. 2283," proposed by the Earl of EUSTON, responded to by Bro. H. T. SMITH; "The Ladies;" and the Tyler's toast—"To all Poor and Distressed Masons."

By the evening the lodge furniture was all removed from the ball room, and the entrance hall, in addition to the decorations of the shrubs in pots and a number of beautiful pelargoniums, was lighted up with fairy lamps, which had a very striking effect.

At the hall there was a very good attendance, some 125 being present, including the P.G.M., the Deputy P.G.M., the P.S.G.W., Bro. A. H. Smith Barry, M.P., and several other distinguished officers and brethren, also the Earl of Sandwich, the Mayor of Huntingdon, G. J. Rust, Esq., F. J. Howson, Esq., Captain Gunning, T. Coote, Esq., Howard Coote, Esq., and other prominent gentlemen of the town and district. Of the ladies were the Hon. Lady Florence Duncombe, Mrs. Smith Barry, Mrs. T. Coote, Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Desborough, Miss Howson, and other ladies.

An excellent band was supplied by Mr. Willshaw, and refreshments by Mr. E. H. Fisher, of the Fountain Hotel.

The flowers were kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs. Wood and Ingram.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

### CONSECRATION OF THE HENNIKER CHAPTER, No. 555.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on Monday, the 17th inst., when a new chapter, to be known as the Henniker Chapter, No. 555, was consecrated. The companions present included:

Comps. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past G.P. Soj., Grand Superintendent; W. Clarke, Past A.G.D.C., Prov. G.D.C.; N. Tracy, M.E.Z., P.Z., Prov. G.S.E.; S. R. Anness, P.Z., Past Prov. G.S.N.; G. F. Crane, 71, 100, 1631 and Past Prov. G.J.; H. Harvey George, P.Z. 1631; J. B. Fraser, P.Z. 376, Prov. G.J.; Hugh W. H. Elwes, 71 and 1631, Past Prov. G.J., Prov. G.H.; J. M. Harvey, P.Z. 1008, Past Prov. G.P.S.; Rev. Richard Peek, J. 376; G. H. Cooper, H., Past Prov. G.S. of Wks.; J. H. Loveless, Org. 81; Richard Allen, A.S. 81; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169, Grand Janitor; F. A. Mann, S.N. 71; A. R. Abbott, 1631; S. S. Carley, H. 555; B. Gall, Past Prov. G.S.B. 81; Wm. Chapman, J. 1008; W. Minter, J., John Martin, S.E., and Rev. R. O. Davies, S.N., of 555; and George Gould, Janitor 376.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. H. W. H. Elwes officiating as H., and Comp J. B. Fraser as J.

After the consecration, which was performed in a most impressive manner, the Principals were installed by Comp. G. F. Crane, as follows: Comp. Rev. R. Peek, J. 376, M.E.Z.; Comp. S. G. Carley, H.; and Comp. W. Minter, J.

The ordinary business of the Prov. G. Chapter was then proceeded with, under the banner of the newly-consecrated chapter.

The roll of chapters and the roll of officers having been called, the report of the Board of General Purposes was read; and on the motion of Comp. W. CLARKE, seconded by Comp. J. B. FRASER, was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

On the proposition of Comp. J. B. FRASER, seconded by Comp. S. R. ANNESS, Comp. W. Bobby was unanimously elected Treasurer.

Collars and jewels for the Prov. G. H. and J. were presented to the Prov. Grand Chapter by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Rev. C. J. Martyn.

The Grand Superintendent then invested the Prov. Grand Officers, as under:

Comp. S. R. Anness, P.Z. Royal Sussex Chapter,	P.P.G.S.N.	...	Prov. G.H.
" H. H. George, P.Z. St. Andrew's Chapter,	P.P.G. Std. Br.	...	Prov. G.J.
" N. Tracy, P.Z. Royal Sussex Chapter	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Rev. N. Peek, M.E.Z. Henniker Chapter	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. H. Cooper, H. Lowestoft Chapter	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" E. Smith, M.E.Z. Royal York Chapter, P.P.G.R.	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" W. B. Hanson, J. Royal Alexandra Chapter	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" W. Chapman, P.Z. White Rose Chapter	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. J. L. Reeves, H. St. Andrew's Chapter	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. C. Pratt, S.E. Martyn Chapter	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Clarke, Royal Sussex Chapter	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" F. A. Mann, S.N. Lowestoft Chapter	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. Gould, Janitor Royal Sussex Chapter	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT briefly addressed the chapter. He said he had little to say respecting Royal Arch Masonry in Suffolk, but he had had great pleasure in consecrating the Henniker Chapter that day, and, seeing that he also consecrated a new chapter last year, he thought he might say they were making very favourable progress.

On the motion of Comp. ELWES, seconded by Comp. S. R. ANNESS, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Grand Superintendent for the present of the collars and jewels to the Prov. G.H. and Prov. G.J.

The proceeds of the offertory were devoted towards the expense of some Masonic work which is being executed in Framlingham Church.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed, the Principals of the Henniker Chapter resumed their chairs, and closed the new chapter in due form.

A banquet was subsequently held, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, and the usual Masonic toasts were drunk.

## THE EARL OF KINTORE AND THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The *South Australian Freemason* of May 8th has the following article on the proposed appointment of the Earl of Kintore as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia:

"It has been an open secret for some time past that our M.W.G.M. had views anent his position that were in the direction of a change, and in acknowledging in graceful terms his re-election at the last quarterly communication, he again broached the matter, though on somewhat indefinite lines. Since then we have learnt his full intent, and, whatever there may have been in his previous references to cause misgiving, there is nothing in his after explanation to move us to any other feelings towards him but that of increased confidence and warmer regard. The Grand Master has afforded us many proofs of his strong attachment to the South Australian Constitution, and in the act he contemplates we may find further evidence of a worthy desire to do that which he believes will be to its greater advantage, regardless of any personal considerations. In abdicating his high office that another may reign in his stead, and resigning his supreme authority, he is content to become the subject where he might continue to retain the sovereignty. Certain it is that the appointment of a Freemason of eminent standing and repute in his own country, as the illustrious representative of her Most Gracious Majesty in this colony, has influenced our Grand Master in the direction indicated, so that our prestige may be the greater by intimate association with the highest in the land, and the delegate of royalty. If this meant loss of our beloved brother from our ranks and withdrawal from our councils—in short, retirement in its fullest sense—we might well demur to such a proposition as involving on his part something too much of self-denial and sacrifice, and its expediency might well be called in question; but, happily, such a step is not intended, and he will still remain with us, though in another capacity. As Pro Grand Master, it is his desire to serve us the same, and as such he will be the real working head of the Craft, the active principle of the combination. As Pro Grand Master, it must be our duty and pleasure to accept him, if he so wills it. His dignity will be none the less, and the honour to us the greater. To our M.W. Bro. his Honour S. J. Way we owe a large debt of gratitude, and are likely to remain his debtor, for his services to the Constitution are beyond all adequate acknowledgment. Throughout the whole period of his Mastership he has worked with us and for us with all his powers of mind and devoted energies, and in every relation at all seasons we have ever found him—

"The kindest man,  
The best conditioned and unwearied spirit,  
In doing courtesies."

THOMAS MANNINGHAM.—A medical man in London, who was named Deputy Grand Master by Lord Carysfort, in 1752, which office he held until 1757. He was an able and energetic ruler, and zealously discharged the duties of his high office. Under his auspices, more or less, Entick's edition of the Constitutions appeared, 1756. He had to deal with the question of the schism of the "Antient Masons," and we think it not too much to say, that the subsequent prosperity of the English Grand Lodge may be, in some measure at any rate, ascribed to his wise reforms and strict but constitutional zeal.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

BERKELEY HOTEL (late St. James's), 1, Berkeley-street and 77, Piccadilly, London, W. First class accommodation for residents, with a Restaurant newly attached for high class luncheons and dinners, at fixed prices and à la carte.—C. DIETTE, Manager.—[ADVT.]

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

The House Committee having, as soon as the result of the last Cambridge Local Examination was known, and at the instigation of the Head Governess, accorded to those children who went up (and of whom it will be remembered 18 out of 20 passed) an entire day's treat away from the school, the same came off on Friday, the 14th inst. Windsor was selected, firstly, on account of its beauty; secondly, of its historical associations; and thirdly, because none of the 20 girls had ever been there. Train was taken from Clapham Junction at 9.30, and Windsor reached about 10.45. After seeing the State Apartments, St. George's Chapel, Memorial Chapel, &c. All dined together at the Castle Hotel, and then drove through the Park and Forest to Virginia Water, where a capital tea had been provided. After enjoying the beauties of that lovely place they all drove in the cool of the evening through Egham, Englefield Green, and Old Windsor to Datchet, where the train was again taken and home was safely reached at 9.45, after a most enjoyable day, and one that will be remembered by them as a red letter day for many years to come.

The children were, of course, accompanied by Miss Davis, the Head Governess; Miss Buck, the Matron; Miss Redgrave, the first assistant Governess; and Miss Mary Norrish, one of the teachers; the two who had had most to do in training the children for this examination also went, and the whole party were under the care of Bros. Frank Richardson, and J. H. Matthews, two very active members of the House Committee, to whom a very great deal of the day's success is very justly due.

**FINAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.**

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday afternoon, Bro. Peter de Lande Long, the President of the Board, being in the chair. The various accounts were submitted, approved, and passed for payment. The customary gratuities, but on a far smaller scale, in consequence of the smallness of the festival, than usual, were voted to those who assist in preparing for, and on the day of, the celebration. It was further resolved that the usual sum of fifty guineas (£52 10s.) should be devoted to the cost of treating the School to a visit to the Crystal Palace—a practice which has been observed by successive Boards of Stewards for several years past. The balance, however, did not allow of more than this being done, and consequently no sum was voted as a donation to the funds of the Institution, as was done at the Centenary Festival last year, when out of the balance remaining from the Stewards' Fees 280 guineas (£294) were presented to the Institution. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

**MASONIC PRESENTATION AT HANLEY.**

The Menturia Lodge, No. 418, met as usual at the Freemasons' Hall, Hanley, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., the meeting being a large one of both members and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. T. Rusforth was initiated, the ceremony being performed in a masterly manner by the W.M., Bro. H. Windle.

After the usual business, the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bros. E. V. Greatbatch and W. Tunnickliff with two Past Masters' jewels. The presentation was a recognition of the services rendered by Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnickliff in connection with the recent searching inquiry that has taken place as to the Masonic Boys' School, in which both these brethren took a very active part.

The jewels are of solid gold. On the ribbon is an Etruscan vase in gold, on the shoulder is a broad band, on which is inscribed "Menturia, No. 418," the terminals of cover and foot being formed of the acanthus leaf. On the obverse side of the jewel in a suitable inscription, viz.: "Presented to Wor. Bro. W. Tunnickliff, I.P.M., as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Craft in promoting and assisting in an inquiry into the Management of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, by the brethren of Menturia Lodge, No. 411, June, 1889." The other jewel is the same, with Bro. Greatbatch's name and rank in the Craft, viz.: "Presented to Wor. Bro. E. V. Greatbatch, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, &c., &c."

Bro. H. WINDLE, W.M., made the presentation, and addressing the brethren present said they all knew the deep interest Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnickliff took in the various Masonic Charities. Some four years ago Bro. Greatbatch attended an election in London in the interest of a boy whom he wished to get elected into the Institution, and then saw what he considered an improper expenditure of the funds of the Charity. This caused him to examine the accounts, and from that time he has never ceased to urge the necessity for reformation in the management. When the recent Committee of Inquiry was proposed Bro. Greatbatch was instrumental in getting one half of the members thereof selected from provincial brethren, and when the enquiry took place Bros. Tunnickliff and Greatbatch not only gave evidence themselves, but they secured the attendance of many other witnesses from various parts of the country. They had devoted a considerable amount of time and labour in the investigation, with the result that it was proved that the Institution was managed, or rather mismanaged, in the most gross way; in fact, the revelations were a scandal. However, it was hoped that all this would be altered, and that in the future the Boys' School would be conducted properly and successfully; and if such was the case the Menturia Lodge would have cause for congratulation on the action of their two zealous brethren.

Bro. BROMLEY, Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden, supplemented the remarks of the Worshipful Master, and said he felt proud that they had two brethren in the lodge who were possessed of such indomitable pluck and courage as Bros. Tunnickliff and Greatbatch evinced in the matter of the Inquiry with regard to the Boys' School. They were entitled to the gratitude, not only of the brethren of the Menturia Lodge, but all the brethren in the country.

Bros. CRAPPER, ROBINSON, and several visiting brethren also bore their testimony to the excellent and beneficial services rendered by Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnickliff.

The jewels were then fastened on the two brethren, who acknowledged the handsome gifts.

Bro. TUNNICLIFF said the distinction of first attacking the gross mismanagement of the Boys' School belonged to Bro. Greatbatch. A sum of £14,000 a year was being expended in educating about 250 boys, and they also found that that money was not being made the best of. They had devoted a great amount of time and labour to the investigation, and they had the satisfaction that those labours had been successful in bringing about a different state of things in the future.

Bro. GREATBATCH also suitably returned thanks, and in doing so gave some interesting details with regard to the Inquiry. He said their only object had been the welfare of the Institution, and to see that the large sums of money contributed annually by the brethren should be devoted for the purpose for which they were intended. He thought one result of the Inquiry would be that in future they would be able to educate and provide for three boys, where they had only been able to educate two in the past. What they had done had been for the good of that best of all Masonic virtues—Charity.

At the banquet, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and "The Health of the W.M.," had been duly honoured, "The Healths of Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnickliff" were heartily drunk.

**RECOVERY OF A MISSING MASONIC CHARTER IN KEITH.**

Ever since the dissolution of St. James's Lodge, No. 713, at Keith, nearly 50 years ago, the charter and books of the lodge have been missing. No trace of them could be found until recently, when the charter turned up rather unexpectedly. It has been for many years in the possession of an old and respected resident, who had forgotten all about having the missing document in his possession, until it came to light when he was looking over some other things. It was generally believed that the brother who acted as the last Secretary to the lodge, Bro. D. Cameron, schoolmaster, Newmill, had taken the books and other documents along with him when he emigrated to America at the time of the dissolution of the lodge. But the discovery of the charter in so unexpected a way has given rise to the hope that the books too may some day turn up and find a safe and honoured resting place in the Keith Museum. The St. James's Lodge was again resuscitated about four years ago, and we are glad to learn that some of the regalia belonging to the original lodge has been handed over to it by the descendants of the members of the old lodge. These, like the original charter, are in a fine state of preservation. The charter is written on finely-dressed sheepskin, and is a fine specimen of the beautiful and careful penmanship of the period in which it was written.

**PRESENTATION OF A PORTRAIT.**

A half-length portrait in oil of the late Bro. John Rowe Brewer, P.M. 70, was on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, presented to that lodge by Mr. Julian Cedric Brewer, son of the deceased. Bro. J. K. Brewer, who died in the last decade at the ripe age of 81 years, was for 55 years an active Mason in the Province of Devon, during that period a leading literary spirit of the Order in that province, and for over a quarter of a century the highly-esteemed Secretary of Lodge St. John. In his youth he received a liberal education, was an excellent Latin and Greek scholar, and throughout his life was a facile writer. He began life on the staff of the *Plymouth Herald*, the then leading paper of the town, and was for a long series of years connected with that paper. He subsequently was a member of the firm of Hearder and Brewer, for several years one of the leading printers and stationers' firms in Plymouth. Early in life he joined the Masonic Order, and bore a high character among his brethren.

Bro. J. B. GOVER, P.P.G. Sec., deputed to make the presentation, did so in a long review of the histories of lodges with which Bro. Brewer had been connected, and of the many meritorious services which he had rendered them and the Order generally.

Bros. J. DU-PRE, 870, P.P.G.D.C.; S. JEW, 105, P.P.G.T.; E. AITKEN-DAVIES, 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; and other brethren bore testimony to the high esteem in which Bro. Brewer was held.

Bro. DAVIES also read from the lodge minutes the honourable character recorded of Bro. Brewer.

Thanks were voted to Mr. Julian Brewer for the handsome gift.

It was suggested that Bro. Gover's review should be printed, and Bro. W. F. Westcott's offer to print it, and present copies to members, was very thankfully accepted.

The portrait was pronounced to be an excellent likeness. It was handsomely framed, and was hung in a very prominent position in the lodge room.

**Royal Arch.**

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).**

—A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 12th instant. The following members were present: Comps. T. Clark, H.; A. J. Berry, J.; Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; J. H. Hoit, S.N.; W. Simpson, P.S.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G. S.E. Middx., Treas.; C. Stein, 2nd A.S.; J. L. Payne, P.Z.; A. Clark, P.Z.; W. Holder, W. Tomson, Andrew Stein, C. W. Rex, J. R. Morford, and W. W. Lee. Visitors: Comps. H. Hooper, J. 1326; C. Patrick, M.E.Z. 1623; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; H. J. Wilks, M.E.Z. 1209; J. R. Cama, and M. Christian, P.Z. 860.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which the following companions were installed into their respective chairs by Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z.: Comps. Thomas Clark, M.E.Z.; A. J. Berry, H.; and J. H. Hoit, J. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Comps. Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; J. Rich, S.N.; W. Simpson, P.S.; C. Stein, 1st A.S.; A. Stein, 2nd A.S.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treas.; and J. Marsh, Janitor. Bros. J. R. Morford and C. W. Rex, having been unanimously elected by ballot, were impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry.

The Audit Committee's report, showing a substantial balance, was adopted, and the chapter closed.

The companions adjourned to an excellent repast,

admirably served under the superintendence of Bro. Clemow, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts received due notice.

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., said that in the absence of the I.P.Z. it became his duty to propose "The Health of Comp. Thos. Clark," who had been installed into the chair of M.E.Z. This duty afforded him a great amount of pleasure, having known the M.E.Z. for many years as a hard working and zealous Mason, and as one of those who performed well whatever he took in hand. Having undertaken the duties of M.E.Z., Comp. Thos. Clark would carry them out with advantage to the chapter and credit to himself, and from what he had done in the past, the companions were fully convinced he would perform the ceremonies with great ability. He (Comp. Lee) had never heard the ceremony of exaltation rendered by an M.E.Z. for the first time in such an able or impressive manner, and Comp. Thos. Clark was to be congratulated on the success with which he performed that ceremony, especially as it was but a few weeks since he knew there would be candidates for exaltation that evening.

Comp. Thos. Clark, M.E.Z., in reply, said Comp. Lee, with his usual kindness of heart and brotherly love, had been pleased to place the toast before them in a very kind manner, and the companions had cordially received it. He was afraid the companions would consider that much less praise would have answered the purpose. Having passed the chair in three other Degrees, he had been anxious to acquit himself with some degree of credit, but the P.Z.'s would know the difficulty he had been under when he told them he was obliged to leave London, and be away from chapters of instruction. They would understand the difficulty he had laboured under when he said that he had never had an opportunity of going through the ceremony before any companions, having only rehearsed it privately. He trusted that at the end of his year the companions would say he had done his best, and he begged to thank them for having received his health so cordially.

"The Exaltees" was given and duly responded to, after which "The Visitors" was given in cordial terms by the M.E.Z.

Comp. Christian, P.Z., replied, and having returned thanks for the reception accorded the visitors, said they were extremely grateful for the manner in which they had been received. With regard to the working, he had been in many chapters, but had never seen better.

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treasurer, in response to the toast of "The P.Z.'s," said he had the pleasure of being not only the father of the chapter but also the father of the lodge. In January, 1875, he was installed as the first W.M. of the lodge, and some few years ago he was installed as the first M.E.Z. of the chapter by the late Comp. Hervey. They could therefore suppose that he took great interest in the position the chapter occupied at the present time. It was to him, as Treasurer, a great pleasure to be able to show a favourable balance sheet. He hoped the companions were satisfied, and as long as confidence was reposed in him, and as long as he lived, he would do his best for the chapter.

Comps. Payne, P.Z., and A. Clark also replied. In giving "The H. and J.," the M.E.Z. said he had been fortunate in having the assistance of Comp. Berry, as H., and Comp. Hoit, as J., and they had seen that the selection of those companions had been justified. As P.M.'s of their respective lodges, the H. and J. were fully prepared to carry out the duties devolving upon them in the chapter. He felt sure that the ceremony as given by them had given entire satisfaction to all present, and he was also sure he should have their cordial co-operation in any future ceremonies.

Comp. A. J. Berry, H., said he felt that his portion of the ceremony was not quite equal to his notions of excellence, but it was only something like three weeks ago that he was told he should have to perform those duties that night. He did his best to prepare himself for the position, and if he had carried them out to their satisfaction, if not to his own, he was gratified. He hoped they would have another opportunity of exercising their knowledge of the work.

Comp. J. H. Hoit, J., thanked the M.E.Z. sincerely for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health. He felt very much as if he had gone to sleep and woke up an important personage, and he was not aware of having done anything to call forth such eulogiums. He did not think he should have a portion of the ceremony to perform, but was pleased that the little he had done had met with their approbation, and he should endeavour to do better for the future.

Comp. Simpson, P.S., replying to the toast of "The Officers," said that, having been re-elected, he would do his best in the future, as in the past, to give satisfaction.

Comp. C. Stein, 1st A.S., also replied, and the Janitor's toast closed a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

The musical arrangements were ably carried out under the direction of Comp. Adolphus Clark, P.Z., assisted by Comps. Payne, Simpson, Tomson, and Patrick.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Comps. J. Davies, as M.E.Z.; James Sims, H.; H. Purcove, J.; D. Stroud, P.S.; F. Craggs, S.E.; E. Austin, S.N.; H. D. Asett, and H. P. Gilbert.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony rehearsed in a commendable manner by all the officers. Comps. Gilbert and Austin were elected joining members, and the chapter was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. J. Davies, S.N. 733, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H. 733, H.; M. Spiegel, 834, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; G. March, J. 733; and J. Smith, P.S. 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. March being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight—Comp. J. Davies as M.E.Z. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

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English brethren of the same rank.—[ED. F.M.]

Several communications unavoidably stand over.



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**Original Correspondence.**

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The course recent events have taken permits me,  
without impropriety, to reply to the letter of Bro. Godson  
in your last issue, and to notice that of Bro. Plucknett,  
which I refrained from at the time, feeling it was not decor-  
ous to discuss the Report of the Committee of Inquiry until  
the Special Court had dealt with it.

The Craft has now before it what may be deemed the  
official answer to the Report on "the most important" of  
the many points raised.

No injustice, therefore, will be done if we think that so  
well qualified an advocate as Bro. Godson has, after re-  
flection, selected his best points for attack and defence.  
He ranges them under five heads. Let me follow him on  
each.

1. It is argued we are inconsistent in first saying that the  
dismissal of the six masters "en bloc" put a "very severe  
strain" on the discipline of the School, and afterwards in  
stating that the masters who chastised the boys, contrary  
to the rules, were dismissed—that we thus praise and blame  
the same act.

The official defence cannot here be congratulated on a  
very brilliant opening. We neither praise nor blame; we  
simply record the facts. Does Bro. Godson deny them?  
If dismissing all the assistant masters at one clean sweep  
be not "a very severe strain" on discipline, I do not know  
the meaning of the words; that no evil resulted shows the  
discipline was good, and the point we were establishing,  
and which we confessedly made good.

2. The second point against the Committee of Inquiry  
is that it stigmatised the House Committee as a "One  
Man" Committee. We are told we are wrong, as the  
Secretary's opinion as to the propriety of appointing our  
Committee was not adopted, nor has the House Committee  
ever allowed "its opinions to be over-ruled." No one  
ever supposed it—or that the control fell away from their  
hands by their expressed opinions being set at naught.  
The mischief was they so seldom expressed their opinions,  
and let matters slide, thus virtually abandoning their posi-  
tion and control. We only heard of three cases in all  
where they asserted themselves.

That the House Committee was unconscious it had  
practically surrendered its functions, and believed it really  
controlled the management, is, no doubt, true; even now  
Bro. Godson seems hardly to have realised the true position.

Distasteful as it was to us, we could not shut our eyes to the facts; and the Craft generally has felt we came to a correct conclusion, as, indeed, must all who have had any knowledge of the management for the past few years.

If to have told this truth is a reproach to the Investigation Committee, we fully accept the responsibility.

3. It is said we believed "rotten and tainted" evidence, and came to a wrong conclusion on the great "vermin" question.

Does Brother Godson mean to say all this is fiction? If so, I fear he is more credulous than he supposes we were in finding the facts he disputes.

The Matron, when questioned before the Committee of Inquiry, admitted these complaints were made, and that boys were infected. She explained the cases were brought back by the boys after the holidays, but we found this explanation did not hold good for them all. She told us how she treated the boys' heads with lard and powder.

Now, no vermin case is reported upon *against the House Committee*. This is surely a mistaken reading of the Report on p. 21. We call attention to neglect to inspect the boys on re-entry after holidays, and to take proper means to treat such cases when discovered.

This is the business of the Matron and her assistants, and the very next paragraph shows we were speaking of the domestic staff. The House Committee had nothing to do with it, until the need arose to see the staff did its duty in keeping the boys heads clean.

4. Our Report is further impugned for saying that, in spite of upwards of 35 complaints (there are 43 recorded) of cold in the schoolrooms, redress was ignored, and nothing actually done till July, 1887.

The first complaint was November 19th, 1885. The first notice on the books of the House Committee is 12th July, 1887—"Resolved that Messrs. Rosser and Russell be requested to examine the present arrangements for heating and ventilation with a view to improvement."

No other notice appears in the interval. The fact was, the new laundry robbed all the heat from the schoolrooms, and directly the engineers were called in, the evil was set right in a few weeks. It is odd to suppose that to have spent £2704, as Bro. Godson says, on the apparatus down to end of 1885 is an answer to the neglect to attend to grievances which arose from November, 1885, to April, 1887. If meant to remedy these evils, it was a *prophetic* as well as ineffectual expenditure. The £300 spent in 1886 had nothing to do with this particular matter.

The moneys spent in these worn out boilers show that it was not for lack of funds they did nothing.

The complaints were then continued for two long winters—either the House Committee knew of them, in which case why did it not apply itself to their redress, or it ignored them?

Either view is inconsistent with their duty, and when Bro. Godson says it was known to every one concerned the boiler power was weak, and till new boilers were put in the system of warming could not be perfected, he says the exact fact.

It was so known—it was *not* remedied till July, 1887—and this is what our Report calls attention to.

5. We reported that Bro. Jabez Hogg told us "double the ordinary per centage" of defective sight occurs among the pupils, and reference is made to the shorthand notes to show this was not so.

Bro. Hogg is there reported to say in reply to the question—"There was a larger per centage than you would expect in boys in such a School?" "Just so; the shortness of sight was not a bigger per centage than we get in such schools, and in Germany it is double what we get in England."

Here obviously is some error in the transcript. Bro. Hogg is made to say the per centage WAS LARGER than should be expected in such a school, and then to add it was NOT BIGGER than we get in such schools—statements difficult to reconcile—"larger," but not "bigger," if accurately reported. But Bro. Hogg very kindly furnished the Committee with information by letter, accompanied with tables and figures. In a letter of 24th November, now before me, he says: "I found that the per centage of short sight among the boys was a very high one."

I certainly understood him to say in the passage quoted "double"—possibly he meant *double* of ordinary healthy lads; not double as compared with such schools. But, as Bro. Godson says Dr. Hogg thinks we misunderstood him, I accept his version—it is a very high per centage (not double) that he intended us to understand.

And this verbal correction being made, let me ask—Is it justifiable to say, as Bro. Godson does, the authority we quote "directly negatives" our conclusion?

The fact remains, unfortunately, there is *too much short sight prevailing* among the boys, due, as we believe, in part at least to preventible causes. The point of our remarks was that proper steps were not taken to obviate the evil when it was known to the House Committee—on that Bro. Godson preserves silence.

As to Bro. Plucknett's quotation of Dr. Hogg's evidence of the boys' appearance, the Committee of Inquiry formed its own opinion as to the *physique* and vivacity of the boys from personal observation. We are responsible for the accuracy of our conclusions, and on this matter many brethren who have visited the Institution are able themselves to verify our view.

Now I have dealt *seriatim* with every one of the points raised.

We necessarily confined ourselves to what was given into our charge. Bro. Godson says he was "completely deceived" in supposing that censure would not be attached to the House Committee, and that we "formulated no charges against it." The charges were made by others in the presence of, or with the knowledge of, Bro. Godson, who attended when he pleased, as did the Secretary, almost continuously. A more strange complaint than Bro. Godson's was never made. How could we, as a Committee, tell who we should censure or the reverse until we had heard the whole case on both sides? And we carefully kept our minds open till the end, and formed no conclusion till all had been heard. Bro. Godson will permit me to remind him that on the shorthand notes is to be found his own version of 1. The dismissal of the six masters; 2. Of the non-action of the House Committee on the complaints of the cold school rooms; as to the "one-man" Committee. Bro. Godson himself told us of the three instances already mentioned. On the great "vermin" question the House Committee was not implicated, and lastly, as to the bad sight, he told us what was done to alter the lighting, and when it was effected.

We adjourned from Christmas till February, and met again to receive evidence at the request of the House Committee (on the vermin question, among others), and I wrote to the Secretary we were ready to hear any further evidence on any point desired. The shorthand notes were lent (more than once, I think, in the course of the Inquiry) to enable the points spoken on to be answered. How, therefore, he was "deceived," except in wrongly forecasting our final opinion, I cannot conjecture; or what more evidence could have been given on any one of the points indicated, I fail to perceive.

It is surely somewhat unreasonable now to complain. I venture to doubt if the main conclusions of our Report came to Bro. Godson as a surprise.

Details and small facts it is true first came to light in our Report, but the course in which the Institution had been drifting was long suspected and openly canvassed. We had to ascertain if there was any foundation of truth in these charges—we undertook a laborious and a thankless office; it would have been easier and far more agreeable for us to make matters pleasant all round.

But we tried to tell the truth to the Court, according to the best information we could obtain.

Very possibly we failed to discover much, but on what we did discover, the Special Court has accepted our conclusions, and I trust the new administration may bring about a change in the management which will restore efficiency and bring back the confidence of the friends and supporters of the School and of the Institution.—Yours faithfully and fraternally.

June 18th. FREDERICK A. PHILBRICK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I see that Bro. Godson, M.P., has taken up the cudgels in defence of the House Committee, of which he is a member, from the charges laid against it by the Committee of Inquiry. I do not propose to say anything in this letter in defence of the House Committee, which has its champion, or of the Secretary of the Boys' School, who is so well able to defend himself. But I desire, in the interests of fair play, and as a set off to the calumnies and abuse which are being directed wholesale against the latter, to lay before your readers certain statements of fact, for which I am indebted to the minute books of the Institutions for Girls and Boys, and also certain statements of opinion, as well as statements of fact, which have been published from time to time in various Masonic periodicals. Thus, what follows, as it is not of my own invention or fiction, but obtained from official records or Masonic newspapers, can be verified by anybody who chooses to refer to the sources of information which I have consulted. As regards the matters thus set forth, I offer no opinion here, though, with your permission, I may venture to do so hereafter. For the present I leave your readers to do this, and I ask them to place at least as much reliance on facts which can be authenticated, and opinions which can be verified as having been expressed by prominent members of the Craft, as some, I regret to see, are inclined to place on facts which have not been authenticated, and opinions which come from no one in particular.

As regards the Festivals of the Boys' School, it has been affirmed—and it has also been denied—that Bro. Binckes's exertions as Secretary have been largely instrumental in obtaining the increased amounts received at these Anniversary celebrations since his appointment to office. Taking the three Festivals which preceded Bro. Binckes's election as Secretary, on the 3rd June, 1861, and which happen also to have been the most productive ever held previous to that date, I find in the Report published in the "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror" of the 2nd April, 1859, that at the Festival held on the preceding 30th March, at which Lord Panmure, D.G.M., presided, the total amount was £1854, with three lists to come in. It is also mentioned that Bros. Shaw and Batley, as Stewards from the Province of West Yorkshire, took up lists together amounting to £306, while the list of Bro. Cousens, Steward for Lodge No. 605, now No. 417, Dorchester, amounted to £39 15s. It is further reported that "The R.W.D.G.M., in announcing the amount of the subscriptions, specially commended the exertions of the brethren of West Yorkshire, whom he considered entitled to the warmest thanks of the company, and felt that he could only say to the other provinces 'Go ye and do likewise.'" It is a just inference from this pointed allusion of the Chairman to the West Yorkshire contribution, that the Provinces were not in the habit of contributing on these occasions. However, whether the inference is just or unjust, I shall be able to show, from other and official sources, that the Provinces at this period were not in the habit of so contributing.

Bro. Viscount Raynham, M.P.—now Marquis Townshend—presided at the Festival on the 14th March, 1860, when the proceeds were announced in the "Freemasons' Magazine, &c." as £1601 11s. 6d., and are stated in the minutes of the Institution as £1650. At the Festival on the 13th March, 1861, at which Lord Mayor Cubitt occupied the chair, the subscriptions amounted to £1564, of which it is particularly mentioned in the "Freemasons' Magazine, &c.," that "£121 came from Brighton." Among those stated to have been present at the banquet were two Prov. Grand Masters, of whom one—Bro. B. B. Cabbell—was Treasurer of the Institution and also a London Mason, and four Prov. or Past Prov. Grand Officers, of whom two lived in London.

Contrasting the above particulars with those relating to the Festivals of 1862, 1863, and 1864, which were the first three held after Bro. Binckes's election as Secretary, I find, on referring to the report in the "Freemasons' Magazine" of the Festival held on the 12th March, 1862, at which, in consequence of the absence, on account of the death of his youngest child, of Lord Leigh, then, as now, Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, Viscount Holmesdale, then, as now, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, occupied the chair, that among the 350 brethren reported to have been present were the D.P.G.M. and upwards of 50 brethren from Warwickshire, the D.P.G. Masters of Surrey, Wilts, Somersetshire, and Kent, the Prov. G. Treasurer of Somersetshire, a P.P.S.G.W. of Hants, the Prov. G.D.C. West Lancashire, the Prov. G. Registrar of Herts, two P.P.G. Officers of Essex, and the Prov. G. Secretary of Surrey—some of these being, no doubt, resident in London. The sum announced was £3520, with 12 London and seven Provincial lists to come. The following sub-division of the total is appended to the Report, namely—London, £1601 11s. 6d.; Warwickshire, £700;

Sussex, £12 12s.; Somersetshire, £128 6s.; Bristol, £21; Kent, £260 9s.; Isle of Wight, £42; West Lancashire, £167 12s.; Essex, £18 18s.; Hants, £116 11s.; Oxfordshire, £90 6s.; Surrey, £52 8s.; Middlesex, £71 8s.; Dorsetshire, £42; Berks and Bucks, £7 7s.; and Herts, £14 3s. 6d. The number of Stewards on this occasion was 109—I have seen it elsewhere stated as 111—while at the Festival in 1861 it was 36. At the Quarterly General Court on the 21st April, 1862, on the motion of Bro. John Symonds, a gratuity of £52 10s. was unanimously voted to the Secretary for his services on this occasion. The total was increased by subsequent receipts to £3682.

Bro. the Earl De Grey and Ripon presided at the Festival on the 11th March, 1863, the M.W.G.M., the Prov. Grand Masters of Herts and Surrey, the Deputy Prov. G. Masters of Herefordshire and Somersetshire, and many brethren from W. Yorkshire being among those present. The amount was announced as £4500 and was afterwards reported at £4678. In the editorial in the "Freemasons' Magazine, &c." West Yorkshire is spoken of as having subscribed £1500, and it is said of the Secretary—"Bro. Binckes has exerted himself incessantly throughout the year to ensure the success of the meeting, and meets with his reward by the largest subscription ever announced for any Masonic Charity." Bro. J. R. Stebbing, in replying for "The Health of the Stewards," is reported to have spoken as follows: "He should not be doing justice to the untiring exertions of their Secretary, Bro. Binckes, were he not to express his conviction that it was mainly owing to those exertions that £1000 more had been collected upon that occasion than was received last year, the highest amount ever subscribed for the Charity. (Cheers.)" In this instance the Governors and Subscribers were so gratified with a result which was then unprecedented that, on the motion of the late Bro. Colonel—then Captain—Creton, they unanimously voted Bro. Binckes, as a gratuity, a commission of 5 per cent on all Festival contributions in excess of £2000.

The Festival on the 9th March, 1864, at which Bro. Augustus Smith, M.P., P.G.M. Cornwall, presided, in the absence at the very last moment through illness of the late Duke of Newcastle, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire, produced £4213, with 20 lists to come in, and Bro. Patten, Past G.S.B., Secretary to the Girls' School, congratulated Bro. Binckes "on the very flattering response to his exertions that evening."

Thus while the three Festivals preceding Bro. Binckes's election as Secretary amounted to between £5000 and £5100, of which it is possible to trace about £480, but say £500, as coming from the provinces, the first three Festivals after his election produced over £12,500, of which it is known that about £4000 were contributed by the provinces at the Festivals of 1861 and 1862; and if the records are obtainable, I dare say it would be possible to show that a further £2000 was given by the provinces in 1864. To the above £12,500 thus raised must be added a further sum of £1500 contributed at the laying of the foundation-stone of the new school premises by the late Bro. Algernon Perkins, Past G.W., on the 8th August, 1863.

I might easily multiply the evidence in behalf of Bro. Binckes's successful efforts by quoting from the successive reports of the Festivals since held, but I will content myself with giving a few particulars about the four years—1865, 1869, 1870, and 1883.

In the year 1865 there were virtually two Festivals—one the regular Festival in March, at which the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, presided, and the subscriptions amounted to about £4500, and the second on the 5th July, when the Earl de Grey and Ripon opened the new school house at Wood Green, and subscriptions amounting to close on £5000 were announced. Thus the Festival and the Fête in the fourth year of Bro. Binckes's Secretaryship together yielded £9500, the highest amount obtained in any one year under his predecessor, Bro. Thiselton, having been less than one-fifth of this sum.

In the year 1869, a grand effort was made to clear off the mortgage of £10,000 on the property at Wood Green. The Earl de Grey and Ripon, D.G.M. and P.G.M. West Yorkshire, again presided at the Festival which was held on the 10th March, and among those present were Bro. A. Smith, P.G.M. Cornwall; Stephen Blair, P.G.M. East Lancashire; and the chief promoter and supporter of the movement, Lord Eliot—afterwards Earl of St. Germans—D.P.G.M. Cornwall; Hyde Pullen, D.P.G.M. Isle of Wight; W. R. Callendar, D.P.G.M. East Lancashire; Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; and among brethren still living Bros. L. Metham, D.P.G.M. Devonshire; the Rev. Dr. Senior, Past G. Chap.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; H. Massey, W.M. 619; and J. Lancaster Hine, P.P.G.W. East Lancashire. There were 204 Stewards, and the total announced was upwards of £12,000, of which London raised £2629, East Lancashire (35 Stewards), £3885—including £1050 from Bro. S. Blair—West Yorkshire (58 Stewards), £3015, other Provinces £2409. Bro. Binckes is reported to have said on this occasion that "he could imperfectly convey his feelings to the brethren for the glorious result he had the pleasure of announcing, and remarked that a few years ago he said he should never rest satisfied until he had the pleasure of announcing a subscription of £10,000, but his expectations had, by the splendid result, been exceeded, for the subscriptions were over £12,000."

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided at the Festival in 1870, when the Stewards, with the Earl de Grey and Ripon for their President, numbered 239, and the sum raised was £9841. When the Prince presided in 1871 for the Girls' School, there were 161 Stewards, and the subscriptions amounted to a sum ranging between £5200 and £5500. In 1873, his Royal Highness presided at the Benevolent Festival, when there were 185 Stewards, and the subscriptions, announced as £6867, afterwards reached nearly £7000. I am sure neither Bro. Hedges, who did not become Secretary of the Girls' School till 1878, nor Bro. Terry, who had only been in office as Secretary about two or three months when the Prince took the chair for the Old People, will think I intend any disrespect to them by instituting a comparison in respect of these three Festivals, which is so greatly to the advantage of Bro. Binckes.

The Boys' Festival of 1883, with its Board of over 400 Stewards, and its total of subscriptions in excess of £23,000, is still fresh in the memory of your readers; but I would point out that in the account which appeared in the *Freemason* at the time, the Chairman, Viscount Holmesdale—now Earl Amherst—P.G.M. for Kent, is reported to have said in the course of his speech in behalf of the toast



bearings. They had had good samples of Americans visiting them—good samples of the bulk—and they could say that if they were not Englishmen they would prefer to be Americans.

Bro. A. Clark, I.P.M., said it became his duty to propose the next toast, which was "The Health of the W. Master." He was afraid he should not be able to give the members of the lodge much information about the present W.M., because he was quite as well known to them as to himself. Those who were present who did not belong to the lodge would know that they had a W.M. of whom they would all feel proud. He knew Bro. Kedge was au fait in the working of the ceremonies, and would do justice to the members, and to those who were initiated, passed, or raised in the lodge. The brethren could see the W.M. was a young man, and perhaps some of the young members of the lodge might expect some radical changes, but Bro. Kedge would be found as Conservative as the P.M.'s. The W.M. had intimated to him that he did not think they ought to occupy the time in speeches, but that short speeches should be the order of the evening. Consequently, he should not occupy their attention any longer, but ask them to drink the health of the W.M.

Bro. F. Kedge, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. most sincerely for the kind and cordial manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the very sincere manner in which they had received it. Their brother the I.P.M. had been good enough to tell them that their W.M. was a young man, at least in comparison with his elders, but that was a fault which was being cured day by day. Young as he was, he was not too young to know that the example set by the fathers of this lodge was an example worthy of following, and, so far as he was concerned, he should do his utmost to follow that example, and do his best to give them all as much satisfaction as the P.M.'s had given. He would not detain them longer, for if he were to speak for a much longer period, he could not tell them more than that so far as he was able he would perform the duties of the office they had given him, and would endeavour to conduct this lodge to their satisfaction.

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M. and the Past Masters," and said he was sure it would be received with greater enthusiasm, if possible, than any that had preceded it. Those who were present and saw the I.P.M. work the ceremony of installation could not but be impressed with the excellent manner in which it was performed. It was a ceremony he had seen performed, so far as the outside world was concerned, on many occasions; but he had never seen it worked with greater perfection than that night. Ever since the I.P.M., Bro. Clark, was installed into the chair he had conducted the business in a manner deserving of very great praise, and that praise and commendation the brethren would show when they drank this toast. Next to the I.P.M. was the first W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Brackstone Baker. As long as they had Bro. Baker amongst them, and for a very much longer period than that, they would always love and respect his name. He had proved himself a most genial, kind, and indulgent Master, and the brethren would heartily drink this toast so far as he was concerned. Then they came to Bro. Lambert, who was installed as I.P.M. at the time of the consecration, and ever since that time he had taken a great interest in the working, and had always been present when his presence was required, and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Baker had performed the duties of the chair in a pleasant manner.

Bro. Adolphus Clark, I.P.M., having returned thanks, said he did not propose to speak for the other P.M.'s, as they were old enough to speak for themselves. He had no disposition to doubt what the W.M. had said about him, but, notwithstanding, he could assure them that his work in the lodge and the installation had not been quite satisfactory to himself. He could have wished to have done it better, but he had done his best, and he knew, as Masons, they would make a proper allowance. The W.M. was more interested than any one else, and probably knew what it was to be excited. He wished to thank those officers who had supported him during his year very heartily for the assistance given him. The W.M. was powerless unless he had good officers to support him, and he also had to thank Bro. Lambert, P.M., for his kindness, and Bro. Baker, P.M., who had given him good advice. He had had good advice, and thanked them heartily. He had had a pleasant year, and thought he had been moderately successful. The W.M.'s position was not exactly a bed of roses, and he was glad to throw off the cares of office. He thanked them for the great honour done him in placing him in the chair of the lodge and for presenting him with the beautiful jewel.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.M., P.G.D., replied, and said the lodge had contributed more to his happiness of late than he could well speak of, especially as he was under some calamity, and it had roused him up and renewed life in him.

Bro. Major Geo. Lambert, P.M., P.G.S.B., said that from the earliest time, prior to the foundation of the lodge, he had it at heart, and the Secretary would vouch for that statement. He desired to see a lodge which would knit them with the brethren on the other side of the Atlantic, and he was glad they could receive American visitors as brethren and not as strangers, for they did not know that word. He was delighted that this lodge flourished, for it was a small payment—if he might use the word—for the trouble taken in its foundation. He was looking forward to a great influx of Americans into this country, whom it would be their duty and pleasure to entertain.

"The Visitors" was next given by the W.M., who gave them a hearty welcome. In the course of his remarks, he said they had with them Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., Empire Lodge, which he believed was formed very much upon the same lines as the Anglo-American Lodge, for they performed the same duty towards Colonial Masons as the latter lodge did to Americans. They had another visitor of some distinction in Bro. General Darius Wilson, of New York, the editor of an important Masonic paper. They were glad to receive visitors, and particularly Americans, who might be sure of a hearty welcome.

Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., in response, said all the visitors knew how well they were always entertained in that lodge. He was present at the consecration, and this was his fourth visit, for he always heartily accepted an invitation, and that was, perhaps, the best testimony the lodge could receive of his appreciation of their hospitality. As the W.M. had said, he was the P.M. of another lodge, constituted on similar lines to their own, the Empire

Lodge having been founded with the view of bringing this country into closer Masonic relations with the colonies. In conclusion, he was sure that all the 55 visitors joined with him in hearty thanks for the entertainment they had received, and in the hope that they would be present at the next installation meeting.

Bro. General D. Wilson, of New York, replied in a humorous and effective speech. He said he did not expect to be called upon to make any remarks, in fact, he only knew this gathering was to be held in the afternoon, and it was therefore unnecessary for him to say he was unprepared to make a speech. He was something like the temperance lecturer who, having travelled all over the country lecturing on temperance, returned to his native town, and was prepared to give his lecture. He fell in with a few of his old associates, and, as temperance people sometimes do, drank too much "water with a wink in it." In the evening he claimed to be thoroughly in a fit state to deliver his lecture against drink, being, as he said, "full of the subject." He was not like that man, for the dinner they had enjoyed had entirely unprepared him for a speech. He was more than delighted to be with them that night, and was most happy that he had had the opportunity of witnessing their installation ceremony. It had been something he had never dreamed of, for he had never thought he should have the pleasure of being with this lodge at the installation meeting. He was much pleased with the work, which, however, was almost totally different from the work in the United States. He might say there were no two States that worked exactly alike, so they had a great variety. The principles were the same all the way through, as far as the principles and foundation stones were concerned. He liked English Masonry, for he thought it stood in the centre, between that of the United States and France. In America they worked altogether too much Masonry; in France they worked none at all; but in this country they worked about right. He was happy to be present, but would not detain them longer, except to thank them, and to say he hoped to meet them all on the other side of the water, and if not there, hereafter in the Grand Lodge above.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" was the last toast given by the W.M., and having eulogised the services rendered by Bro. Cumming, Treasurer, said he need say nothing of Bro. George Reynolds, the Secretary, as they knew what a hard working indefatigable Secretary he was. He had been in constant communication with Bro. Reynolds since his election, and had to thank him personally for what he had done. Having referred individually to the other officers, he called upon Bros. Cumming, Treas.; Reynolds, Secretary; Woolley, J.W.; and Hancock, S.D.

Bro. Cumming, Treas., having replied, Bro. George Reynolds, Sec., thanked the W.M. sincerely for his kind remarks. He and the W.M. were initiated and raised in the same lodge, and it therefore afforded him the greatest pleasure—it was, in fact, one of the happiest moments of his life—to see him occupy the chair. There was a feeling they could only understand, but could not express, between the W.M. and himself, in seeing an old friend installed. As far as his duties were concerned, he would endeavour to serve the W.M. and the lodge with that sincerity with which he had served the P.M.'s, and that was that he would do his duty towards the W.M. and the brethren, and further the success of the lodge and the bond between the two great nations. Anything he could do he should be happy to perform, and it would be to him a labour of love.

Bros. Woolley, J.W., and Hancock, S.D., having replied, the Tyler's toast closed one of the most successful of the many pleasant meetings held by this lodge.

Bro. Schartau, Org., presided with his usual ability at the pianoforte, and was supported in the musical programme by Bros. Arthur Thomas, Chas. Ackerman, E. J. Odell, and Bro. Mackway's choir of boys.

**MARYPORT.**—Perseverance Lodge (No. 371). The early part of Whitsun week may be said to have opened well for Masonry at Maryport, for the Allied Degrees, as mentioned in another column, held their installation on the Monday, to be followed by the Craft installation on the Tuesday. The W.M. opened the lodge, when, although there were not many visitors present, as on previous installations, the members mustered well, there being considerably over 20 present. Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.W., was again the Installing Master, this being the 23rd time our esteemed brother has filled that office for the lodge. He was very ably assisted by Bro. J. Clifton Thompson, I.P.M. 2285. Bro. J. Abbott, W.M., presented Bro. John H. Raven, W.M. elect, for installation into the chair of K.S. Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, in a very able and efficient manner, duly installed Bro. John Harrison Raven in the chair for the ensuing 12 months.

After the usual proclamations had been gone through, the newly-installed Worshipful Master named the following brethren as his officers for the same term, and they were duly invested with the insignia of their respective offices by the Installing Master: Bros. S. Bettoney, S.W.; T. W. Melrose, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, Treas. (for the 45th time); J. Reed, Sec.; T. Dacres, J.D.; T. Anisson, J.D.; Jos. Pattison, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; W. Stoddart, D.C.; J. Park and H. Skelton, Stwds.; and J. Messenger, Tyler. The charge to the Wardens was solemnly and nicely given by Bro. J. C. Thompson. A vote of thanks was unanimously recorded to the Installing Masters, and suitably responded to. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given from Eden Lodge, 2285, and Union Carlisle, 310, the lodge was closed.

The following were the brethren and visitors present: Bros. J. Abbott, W.M.; J. Ward, S.W.; J. Kendall, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Samuel Bettoney, Sec.; J. Hodgson, S.D.; Jos. Reed, J.D.; T. Mandle, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C.; John H. Raven, W.M. elect; E. B. Penrice, P.M.; James Dickinson, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; P. de E. Collin, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Stoddart, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; Robert Brown, P.M.; Lowther Brough, James Simpson, T. Anisson, T. W. Melrose, Chaplin, Thos. Boyd, John Messenger, P.P.G. Tyler; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Clifton Thompson, I.P.M.; James Fletcher, J.W.; A. W. Turner, Sec.; and Philip Wedgewood, of 2285; and Robert Leach, 310.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren sat down to a substantial meal, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to, the proceedings being concluded in harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Croxteth United Service Lodge (No. 786).—The ceremony of installation of Bro. W. Marwood as W.M. and of the other officers of this lodge was performed on the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, in the presence of a large number of the members and visiting brethren from other lodges in the district. The members present included Bros. W. W. Jones, W.M.; T. Sowden, I.P.M.; F. J. Bailey, P.P.S.G.D.; C. Wise, P.M.; P. B. Deuchar, P.M.; W. H. Tyreman, P.M.; W. Townsend, P.M.; W. Marwood, S.W.; J. Chisholm, J.W.; J. A. Gray, S.D.; Dr. R. Robertson, Sec.; E. Sherwood, P.M., Treas.; R. Wilson, Org.; and R. Neville, Tyler. Among the visitors present were Bros. H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. P. M'Arthur, P.P.G.W.; R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; G. Browbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Morgan, P.P.G.D.; J. Bessley, P.M.; P.P.G.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; W. C. Emin, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Gregson, W.M. 1380; W. F. M'Donald, W.M. 1033; W. M'Lachlan, W.M. elect 241; J. Brotherton, P.M. 241; J. H. Hindley, P.M. 680; E. K. Ellison, I.P.M. 1350; J. Christie, S.W. 2289; C. Marcus, S.D. 680; J. R. Willings, J.W. 667; W. Taylor, J.D. 1350; J. Moore, I.G. 241; E. L. Lewes, Sec. 2289; and Rev. F. C. Master, Chap. 2289.

The Installing Officer was Bro. E. Sherwood, Treas., assisted by Bros. P. B. Deuchar and C. Wise. The brethren installed as officers for the ensuing year were Bros. W. W. Jones, I.P.M.; J. Chisholm, S.W.; R. Robertson, J.W.; E. Sherwood, P.M., Treas.; J. A. Sherwood, Sec.; A. Cornett, S.D.; R. Wilson, J.D.; F. J. Bailey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; W. Hogarth, Org.; C. E. Percival, I.G.; and G. S. Browne and H. H. Ragg, Stewards.

A banquet was subsequently served under the direction of Bro. Casey, the house steward.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The 92nd meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Albany Hotel. The following members were present: Bros. J. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Middx., W.M.; Wm. Faulkner, I.P.M.; Dr. Hart Davis, acting S.W.; W. H. Matthew, P.M., acting J.W.; F. Tallack, S.D.; F. W. Tallack, J.D.; H. T. Tallack, I.G.; G. L. Wingate, P.M., Sec.; John Gilbert, Tyler; A. E. Carter, and H. Saunton. Bro. W. H. Lee, P.A.G. Sec., honoured the lodge as a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. announced the resignation of Bro. E. W. Devereux, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx., and the appointment of Bro. G. L. Wingate, P.M., as Secretary to the lodge, which was confirmed. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Matthews, seconded by Bro. Tallack, "That this lodge offers to Bro. Devereux, P.M., an unanimous and hearty vote of thanks for his zealous services as Secretary for so many years, and begs to express its sincere regret on his retirement." Letters of apology having been read from absent brethren, and other business proceeded with, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterward partook of an excellent banquet, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

**PLYMPTON.**—St. Maurice Lodge (No. 1855).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, to instal Bro. G. S. Strode Lowe, S.W., as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The installing officers were Bros. Robert Hambly, P.M., P.P.G.D.; T. J. R. Chalice, P.M.; G. T. Goad, P.M.; and W. D. Stamp, P.M.; assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. J. B. Skinner, P.M.; W. H. Lister, P.M.; John Lavers, P.M.; M. Tracey, W.M. 2258, P.M. 1847, P.S.G.W.; John R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.G. Treas.; S. Jew, P.M. 105, 2258, P.P.G. Treas.; D. Cross, P.M. 1205, P.P.G.I.; W. H. Hearder, P.M. 105, P.G.O.; William K. Michell, P.M. 156, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.S.G.W.; C. H. Cooper, P.M. 105, P.P.G.D.; D. Box, P.M. 156, P.P.G.R.; G. H. Sellick, P.M. 1550; W. H. Michell, W.M. 156; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; W. H. Hunt, P.M. 1205; R. Dickson, P.M. 1205; and James Gidley, P.M. 2025.

The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Martin, I.P.M.; J. D. Folley, S.W.; F. Hunt, J.W.; T. J. R. Chalice, P.M., Treas.; R. Hambly, P.M. Sec.; J. C. Revill, S.D.; S. Hicks, J.D.; J. Hellings, I.G.; G. Osborne, D.C.; J. Williams, A.D.C.; Joseph Pearce, Org.; John Pearce and J. F. Harris, Stwds.; and James Gidley, P.M., Tyler. Bro. R. Hambly, P.M., was appointed representative of the Committee of Petitions; and Bro. T. J. R. Chalice, P.M., Charity Steward.

Among the visitors were Bros. Major Dick, R.M.L.I., 2258; Major N. Page, R.M.L.I., 2258; Lieut. Thomas Reynolds, 3rd D. Regt., 2258; John Cole, I.G. 2025; John Lavers, S.W. 223; J. N. Taylor, 202; Thomas Taylor, 105; J. H. Turner, 230; and W. Letherby, 350.

The Treasurer reported favourably as to the financial position of the lodge.

The brethren, to the number of 42, adjourned to the George Hotel, where an excellent dinner was prepared, and under the genial presidency of the W.M. a very pleasant evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. W. Hearder, Tracey, J. N. Taylor, and J. Hellings.

**MAIDSTONE.**—Robinson Lodge (No. 2040).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Bell Hotel on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. J. B. Groom, W.M.; F. W. Wright, I.P.M.; T. J. Barden, S.W.; W. B. Stonham, J.W.; R. McVicar, J.D.; D. Welsh, P.M., Sec.; W. F. V. Simmons, D.C.; H. F. Whyman, Org.; W. P. Dickinson, I.G.; C. R. Wind, Stwd.; G. Kerr, Charity Representative; W. T. Wallond, Weston, Burnard, Bennett, Taverner, Gratwick, Bull, Starnes, Roberts, Jenkinson, T. P. Dickinson, and Claridge. Visitors: Bros. H. Arthur, 503; Jessop, 158; and D. T. Lyle, 1063.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Claridge was passed, and Bros. Jenkinson and Dickinson were raised. This being the last regular meeting, Bro. T. J. Barden, S.W., was unanimously elected to fill the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. R. Dann was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro.

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Gowan, Tyler. Bro. F. W. Wright and W. B. Stonham were elected the Audit Committee. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Groom, P.M., for his services during his year of office; and the W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, spoke of the very happy meetings which had been held during his Mastership. Bro. D. T. Lyle was proposed as a joining member, and Mr. Wind as a candidate for initiation. Bro. R. McVicar, Mr. Wind was presented with a silver cigarette case by the J.D., on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, on the occasion of his approaching marriage; and Bro. McVicar thanked the brethren in suitable terms. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ELSTREE.—Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).**—The second regular meeting was held on the 13th inst., when the following brethren attended: Bros. Rawson Kelly, P.P.G.W. West Yorks, W.M.; John Petch, I.P.M.; James France, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorks, S.W.; J. G. Cobb, J.W.; W. Pheasant, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; J. F. Bell, J.D.; H. T. Nell, D.C.; V. L. Tapling, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; A. J. Robinson, and others. Visitors: Bros. John Robinson, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M. 1471; F. Hallows, P.M. 861 and 1662; and J. Smith, P.M. 45, S.D. 1114.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, confirmed, and signed, Bro. V. L. Tapling was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. A. J. Robinson was passed to the Degree of F.C., and, after a ballot had been taken, Messrs. Walter Nicole, Harry Thomas Hipwell, and (by dispensation) Tom Williams were duly initiated, the whole of which ceremonies were performed in a most excellent manner. Bros. G. T. Chretien, J.D. 1328; E. Blinkhorn, P.M. and Sec. 1471; and A. C. Halestrap, P.M. 1471, were proposed as joining members.

The business being over, the lodge was closed. The time remaining for recreation and refreshment was heartily enjoyed by all.

The modest repast provided was done ample justice to, and the W.M. wisely curtailed the toast list, and cut short the speeches, so that the brethren might take advantage of the pleasant outside surroundings. After London, in darkness in the morning, the change to bright sunshine, fresh green foliage, and the scent of new-mown hay was a most delightful one, and these monthly summer meetings bid fair to become red-letter days with the London members of the lodge. The Midland Railway Company again attached a saloon carriage to the train both ways for the convenience of the brethren.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Present: Bros. Willis, W.M.; Eidmans, S.W.; Jardine, J.W.; J. Andrews, Preceptor; Pettitt, S.D.; Bolding, J.D.; Timms, I.G.; and Bannister, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation worked, with Bro. Bannister as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Eidmans, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Eidmans returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; L. H. Nerwich, S.W.; W. Chapple, J.W.; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. T. Dillon, S.D.; V. Shaw, J.D.; J. H. Taylor, I.G.; C. Stalibrass, Stwd.; J. R. Hill, J. W. Manktelow, A. Pozzati, and J. Klien.

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. Pozzati candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Manktelow having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Manktelow candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Nerwich, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, 25th inst. All Masonic business being ended, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Monday, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; J. Cummings, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M.; Preceptor: D. S. Long, S.D.; H. D. Aslett, J.D.; J. Jobson, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; J. H. Perdue, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; W. W. Williams, and E. F. Nash.

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. R. H. Williams being the candidate. Bro. H. D. Aslett, W.M. of the Wallington Lodge, gave the ancient charge. Bro. W. W. Williams having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and called off. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Craggs, S.W. of the evening, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; E. Coleman, S.W.; Major Ferris, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; V. Death, W.M. 511, S.D.; J. Threadgold, J.D.; J. H. Taylor, I.G.; J. R. Altman, I.P.M. 1425; J. Cruttenden, N. Spyer, and W. J. Millington.

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 and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cruttenden being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Millington answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Coleman was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of sympathy was passed with Bro. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425, on his illness, and a vote of congratulation to Bro. Smith on the occasion of the birth of a Lewis. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; F. Jackson, S.W.; Wright Barringer, J.W.; R. E. Cursons, acting as Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; E. Nice, S.D.; E. D. F. Rymer, J.D.; T. C. Saary, Org.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; E. Morrison, W. Dodson, John

S. Cater, R. J. Harnell, W. Hancock, P. C. Fort, A. Clark, J. Rowe, and E. S. Berry.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. E. Cursons worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. F. C. Fort, having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. R. J. Harnell worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third and then the Second Degrees. On rising for the first time, Bro. E. S. Berry was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. Jackson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. H. Reynolds proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. R. E. Cursons in acting as Preceptor, and Bro. F. M. Noakes as Secretary—seconded by Bro. F. Jackson, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater. Present: Bros. W. R. Hatton, W.M.; C. J. Bye, S.W.; A. F. Scholding, J.W.; G. Davis, Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. H. Taylor, S.D.; H. D. Smith, J.D.; G. Gardner, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M.; F. Chandler, P.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; H. Foskett, E. T. Notcutt, T. Treadwell, J. Powell, and M. Peters.

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. F. Chandler candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. S. H. Parkhouse. Bro. E. T. Notcutt answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. E. T. Notcutt candidate. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. R. Hatton. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. F. Chandler, P.M., for presenting the lodge with three new gavels. Bro. C. J. Bye was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1677).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. Knight, W.M.; Swann, S.W.; Wiggins, J.W.; Read, P.M.; Preceptor: R. H. Williams, P.M.; Treas.: Hubbard, Sec.; Dresden, S.D.; Hubbard, J.D.; Morrish, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M.; Craggs, Woods, Fayers, Jobson, and Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Craggs. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Knight answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed down to the Second and First Degrees. Bro. Swann 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 13th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. Present: Bros. F. Woodard, W.M.; L. Cox, S.W.; Aslett, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M.; Treas.: W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Jennings, S.D.; A. Love, J.D.; H. Cotton, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; E. Child, P.M.; Head, Arno t, Craggs, Higginson, Hulier, Burbrook, Nash, Rice, and C. R. Cross, W.M. 1791. Bro. Browne was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Higginson, being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and the 2nd Section of the First Lecture worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Barton Browne, 1321, was elected a joining member. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; C. E. Everett, S.W.; P. Skar, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M.; Preceptor: F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Sims, P.M., S.D.; J. Kench, P.G.P. England, J.D.; T. Jobson, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in the usual form in the various Degrees. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed in Bro. Davies' well-known style. The three Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the Preceptor and brethren. Bro. Everett was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. James Kench was elected a joining member. Notice was given that a motion for the adjournment of the meetings until September 2nd next would be brought forward at the next meeting, on Monday, the 24th inst. "Hearty good wishes" brought the business to a close.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. J. Wright, W.M.; Elson, S.W.; Russell, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Wells, J.D.; Beaven, I.G.; Cochrane, F. Pitt, Craik, Poole, Mitchell, Lyell, Steele, Taylor, Windsor, King, Hudson, Langdon, Cowland, Folkard, West, Williams, and Weeks, Tyler.

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 and Third Degrees, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Windsor duly entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, with Bro. Windsor as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Lyell, 1961, was elected a joining member. Bro. Lyell returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Elson was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Elson returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**SNARESBROOK.—COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).**—At a meeting of this lodge on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Eagle Hotel, the W.M., Bro. C. J. R. Tjjon, on behalf of the lodge, presented the Charity jewel to Bro. R. R. Green, J.W. 1804, Secretary of the Charitable Association, upon the occasion of his having taken up a Stewardship at the Girls' Festival, representing the lodge of instruction, when he was enabled to present a list amounting to upwards of £107, the great bulk of which had been subscribed through the medium of the Charitable Association in connection with the lodge of instruction. The mother lodge had voted £10 10s. to Bro. Green's list, and the lodge of instruction placed £5 5s. in the name of his wife, in recognition of his services as Secretary of the Charitable Association, which now numbers 60 members. The Coborn Lodge and the lodge of instruction will this year have sent a Steward to each of the three Charities, Bro. Ellerton, W.M., having represented the lodge at the Benevolent Festival, while Bro. Tjjon, P.M., Secretary, will take a Stewardship for the Boys' next month.

On Tuesday, the 25th inst., a special matinee performance will be given by Miss Grace Hawthorne at the Royal Princess's Theatre, for the benefit of the Middlesex Hospital. Miss Grace Hawthorne, on this occasion, will revive Mr. Richard Davey's "Paul and Virginia," and will herself impersonate Virginia. Seats may now be looked at the box office (Mr. Arthur Frye), or at any of the libraries, or at the Middlesex Hospital.

**Knights Templar.**

**ST. GEORGE'S PRECEPTORY (No. 6).**

—This preceptory held its usual meeting on the 14th inst., at the Albion Tavern, when there were present Sir Knights W. G. Devey, E.C.; C. F. Matier, Marshal; Geo. Cooper, Registrar; R. Costa, H. J. Sparks, and E. Letchworth, P.C.'s; Orwin, Jabez Church, Berridge, and Oxford. Visitors: Sir Knights Col. Shadwell Clerke, Gt. Sub-Prior; Col. G. H. Haldane, Prov. Prior designate of Kent and Surrey; W. Lake, D. Rolls, and C. H. Driver.

Apologies were received for unavoidable absence from Sir Knights Lord Euston, Jameson, Dr. Stewart, P. H. Waterlow, and others.

The ballot having been taken, and proved to be in the affirmative, the E.C. ably and impressively installed Comps. A. F. Church, H. Carman, and H. H. Wells, into the Order of Knights Templar. A letter was read from Miss Woodstock announcing the death of her father in April last, and Frater Woodstock having faithfully served the office of Equerry for many years, the sum of one guinea was voted to the family from the Almoners' Fund. The Reg. announced that since the last meeting the following honours had been conferred on members of the preceptory: Sir Knight Maybrick had been appointed G. Org. in the Mark Degree; Sir Knight Lord Euston had been appointed Pres. of the General Board; and Sir Knights Berridge and Matier had been re-appointed respectively D.C. and A.G. Sec. in the Cryptic and Allied Degrees; Lord Euston had been elected Grand Master, in succession to the late Canon Portal; and in G. Priory Sir Knight G. Cooper had been appointed Sub-Marshal, in succession to Sir Knight Col. Haldane. A knight was proposed as a joining member.

All business being ended, the sir knights adjourned to an excellent banquet, served under the personal supervision of Mr. J. P. Swayne.

**HOLY SANCTUARY PRECEPTORY (No. 131).**

—A very interesting meeting of the above preceptory was held at its head-quarters, 33, Golden-square, on the 17th inst., when the chair was taken and the preceptory opened by V.E. Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sub-Prior of England. After the usual preliminaries had been gone through, the V.E. Sir Knight addressed the sir knights to the effect that the first duty was rather an unusual one—no less than the installation of V.E. Sir Knight Col. Ramsay as Prov. Prior for the Mediterranean. In consequence of the resignation of V.E. Sir Knight Sir Henry Burford Hancock of the office of Prov. Prior of the Mediterranean, it had pleased the M.E. the Great Prior of England, the Earl of Lathom, to appoint as his successor Sir Knight Col. Ramsay; that as more than 1000 miles divided the preceptories in this command (one being at Malta and the other at Gibraltar), the Great Prior had given his sanction to the unusual course being adopted of installing Col. Ramsay in England. The installation was then proceeded with, and carried through in that very admirable manner in which Col. Shadwell H. Clerke performs all those duties which he undertakes. The V.E. Prov. Prior of the Mediterranean was then duly proclaimed and saluted. That duty being completed, it next devolved on the Great Sub-Prior to install a candidate, who had previously been elected, into the Order, and he finally installed as E.P. for the year E. Sir Knight F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Chancellor of the Order. This concluded a most interesting and instructive meeting, more especially when we add that one sir knight was accepted as a joining member and a brother was proposed as a candidate to be installed into the Order at the next regular meeting of the preceptory.

The sir knights then adjourned to a banquet at the Café Royal, after which the usual toasts were given, and finally broke up after a most pleasant evening.

For some time this preceptory has been in rather low water, but it is hoped the corner is turned, and that with so energetic an E.P. as Sir Knight Philbrick it will now proceed in the right direction, and ere long again take its proper place as one of the foremost preceptories of London.

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—Mount Grace Preceptory (No. 118).**

—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The preceptory was opened by the E.P., Sir Knight Hans B. Oisen, assisted by his officers. A ballot was taken for seven candidates, all of whom were elected. Four of them being present—Comps. E. Hudson, H. Baumann, F. H. Bennett, and H. Lamb—they were duly installed by Sir Knight C. D. Hill-Drury, M.D., I.P.E.P. 139, in a most impressive manner. At the close of the ceremony, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Sir Knight Hill-Drury for the excellent way he had performed the ceremony, and for the kind manner in which he had on several occasions come from Darlington to help them. A proposal to change the night of meeting from Wednesday to Monday was duly carried.

There being no further business, the preceptory was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to dinner at the invitation of the E.P.

**Allied Masonic Degrees.**

**MARYPORT.—W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).**

—The quarterly meeting of the above council was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 10th inst. Bro. G. Dalrymple, G.I.G., W.M., occupied the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. Rev. James Anderson, who had been previously balloted for, was in attendance, and admitted to the Degrees of St. Lawrence and Knight of Constantinople. Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.G.W., was then invited to the chair, and Bro. J. Gardiner, W.M. elect, was presented and installed, assisted by Bros. Col. Sewell, P.M., P.G.D., and J. Nicholson, P.M.; and the following were invested as officers: Bros. J. C. Thompson, S.W.; J. Paterson, J.W.; Rev. James Anderson, Chap.; P. de E. Collin, Treas.; J. Dickinson, Sec.; A. Walters, S.D.; W. Carlyle, J.D.; R. Brown, D.C.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Eden, I.G.; F. Atkinson, Steward; and J. Messenger, Tyler. Bros. E. B. Penrice, J. Hodgson, and J. Kendall were also present.

There being nothing further but "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments.



The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which adjourned its proceedings of the 1st instant to the 29th instant—not to the next regular monthly meeting on the 6th July, as has been commonly supposed—will meet on Saturday next (the day in question) at the hour fixed.

The distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place on Thursday next, the 27th instant, instead of, as originally arranged, on Saturday, the 29th instant.

**GOULD TESTIMONIAL.**—The following donations have been recently received from Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1758, Palamcottla, India, £3 3s.; Albion Lodge, No. 196, Barbados, £1 1s.; and Quadratic Lodge, No. 1691, £2 2s. The following brethren having joined the Committee: Bros. Charles L. Fry Edwards, P.P.G. Treas. Somerset; Leonard Boor, Nelson, New Zealand; Geo. H. Whyman, W.M. Rising Sun Lodge, No. 1401, Kobe, Japan; Alderman Cowan, 1; and W. Henderson, P.M. 1417, Johannesburg, Transvaal.

A medal to illustrate the 700th anniversary of the Mayoralty of the City of London is to be struck in celebration of the event, in accordance with an idea suggested by Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead.

The 34th annual meeting of the Soldiers' Daughters' Home, at Hampstead, was held on Tuesday, under the presidency of Field-Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala, the Duchess of Albany being present and distributing the prizes to the children. Her Royal Highness, who was loudly cheered, promised to become a patron of the Institution.

The two Houses of Parliament re-assembled for business early this week after the Whitsun holidays, the House of Commons on Monday, and the House of Lords the day following. A fair amount of business has been transacted in the former since then.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have been staying at Sunningdale during the present week in order to attend the Ascot races. On Tuesday and Thursday the royal visitors were present on the course, with their daughters, Prince Albert Victor, and Prince and Princess Christian, amongst others present being Bros. the Earl of Fife and C. Sykes, M.P.

On Thursday, the 6th instant, at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, the members of La Césarée Lodge, No. 590, inaugurated a new departure in the annals of Jersey Free-Masonry, viz.: the placing of Bro. E. Bree in the Master's chair for the third consecutive year, thus acknowledging the efficiency with which he has filled that important office during the last two years. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year were afterwards installed. The annual banquet was afterwards held in the dining room, about 40 brethren sitting down to a sumptuous repast. The thrice-elected Master occupied the chair, and besides him were Bros. T. Le Scelleur, P.P.S.G.W.; P. E. Sohler, P.G.S.; G. J. Renouf, P.G.T.; Major J. C. Raven, Capt. F. Godfray, P. W. Binet, P.M.; and Ph. Le Feuvre, jun., I.P.M. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. H. Becker, S.W., and Verdier, S.D. A long list of toasts was afterwards gone through, the proposers and responders fully justifying the allusion made to this as the speech makers' lodge of the province. Fraternal feeling reigned throughout the evening, which was most pleasantly spent. Bro. Rogers's catering again left nothing to be desired.

Bros. Lord Stalbridge, John Aird, M.P., Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., Sir F. Abel, and Sir J. B. Monckton were among the principal guests at the banquet given in the Guildhall on the 13th inst., to the American Engineers now on a visit to this country by the Institute of Civil Engineers.

The Jubilee Festival of the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 13th inst., under the presidency of Mr. Leopold de Rothschild. About 170 guests were present, and among them Bro. Philbrick, Q.C.

The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, was unfortunately prevented by the state of her health from fulfilling her engagement to open the new baths at Bath on the 13th inst. However, her place was taken by the Duchess of Albany, who met with a most enthusiastic reception.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Sunday Closing Act resumed its sittings at Swansea, on the 14th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh. The evidence taken was of a very varied character.

The Mansion House Fund in connection with the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Windsor, is stated to have amounted towards the close of last week to £5900, of which it has been arranged that £5000 shall be devoted to the expense of the Show, and £300 given away in prizes for thoroughbred stallions.

On Friday, the 14th instant, the Duchess of Albany, who had visited Bath the previous day, opened the new Town Hall, Trowbridge, which had been presented to the borough by Bro. Roger Brown, as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. Her Royal Highness, who was the guest during her stay of Bro. Walter Long, M.P., afterwards unveiled a statue in the hall of Bro. Brown, presented by the brethren of Trowbridge.

**THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.**—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.—ADVT.

**LOGIC CLUB.**—A meeting of this club will be held early on Thursday, the 27th inst., when the members and their visitors will proceed in saloon carriages on the Great Western Railway to Taplow, thence by the handsome saloon launch Helen—placed at the disposal of the club by W. Shepherd, Esq., of Henley-on-Thames—will proceed from Boulton's Lock, luncheon being served on board. Upon arrival at Henley-on-Thames, a full Masonic banquet will be served at the Red Lion Hotel. If the weather is propitious, a most enjoyable day is anticipated.

The floral fête at Covent Garden in aid of the Gardeners' Orphan Fund has resulted in a net profit of over £200, and as the Duke of Bedford has given a donation of £500, and the proceeds arising from the Duke of Marlborough throwing open his conservatories at Blenheim amount to £73, the total paid to the benefit of the fund will reach about £800.

Bro. Lord Herschell will preside at the dinner of the Imperial Federation League, which will be held at St. James's Hall to-morrow (Saturday).

On Saturday, the 15th inst., was played for the first time in London for 10 years Augier and Sandeau's delightful comedy "Le Gendre de M. Poirier," at the Gaiety Theatre. In the character of M. Poirier, the millionaire draper, M. Coquelin is seen at his best. He was well supported by M. Duquesne as the aristocratic son-in-law, and by M. Jean Coquelin as Verdet, his old partner, whilst the part of Antoinette, the daughter, was well played by Mlle. Alice Lodi. The audience was enthusiastic, and the principal artists were called before the curtain after each act. The play is a thoroughly wholesome one, and full of epigram.

The Emulation Lodge of Instruction, No. 299, meeting at the Bull Hotel, Dartford, has closed for the summer session, and will re-open the first Tuesday in October.

The "Gavel" shoot between teams from the London Rifle Brigade, 1962; Macdonald, 1st Surrey, 1216; South Middlesex, 858; and Queen's Westminster, 2021, Masonic lodges, will take place next month at the Caterham ranges.

The land on which the battle of Tewkesbury was fought, and which covers a tract of some fifty acres, was to be offered for sale at that town on Wednesday.

It was announced in the early part of the present week at Oxford, that Sir John Stainer has been appointed to the Professorship of Music rendered vacant by the death of Bro. the Rev. Sir Fred. Gore Ouseley, Bart., Past G. Chaplain, and Past G. Organist of the Mark G. Lodge.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., and Lord George Hamilton were present at the meeting of the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday.

The Richter Concert of the 17th inst. opened with Schumann's fine overture to "Manfred," after which Sach's monologue from the "Meistersinger" was given with capital effect by Herr Carl Meyer. Dvorak's "Symphonie" variations and Schubert's Symphony in C were finely rendered by the orchestra; and the closing scene of "Die Walkure" was given with great power and vocal excellence by Fraulein Fillunger and Herr Mayer.—ECHO.

At the monthly meeting of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., the following resolution, moved by the W.M., Bro. H. B. Fraington, and seconded by the oldest P.M. of the lodge, Bro. B. Cox, was accepted unanimously: "The W.M., Past Masters, and brethren of the Lodge of St. Kew, No. 1222, express their profound and heartfelt regret on the lamented death of the esteemed and R.W. Bro. Brigadier Gen. A. W. Adair, P.P.G.M., G. Supt. of the Province of Somerset, and beg to convey their respect, sympathy, and condolence to his family upon their severe bereavement, with the earnest hope that the G.A.O.T.U. may alleviate their sorrow."

Professor Archibald Geikie, of London, has been elected corresponding member of the Physical and Mathematical Section of the Royal Academy of Science in Berlin.

On Wednesday, at the residence of the Earl of Aberdeen, a conference of those interested in the Children's Country Holidays Fund (office, 10, Buckingham-street, Strand), was held. Lord Kilmarnock took the chair, and among the speakers were Lady Frederick Cavendish, Bishop Selwyn, and the Hon. Dudley Fortescue.

The National Lifeboat Institution has issued a very timely circular containing instructions for the restoration of the apparently drowned, the leading principles of which are founded on those of the late D. Marshall Hall, combined with those of D. H. R. Silvester, and are the results of extensive enquiries made by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution amongst medical men, medical bodies, and coroners throughout the United Kingdom.

The first regular business meeting of the resuscitated Saint Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar was held on the 14th inst., in the St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow—the M.E.C., Sir Knight Dr. J. C. Stewart, in command. There was a fairly good muster, including Sir Knights David Reid, J. Loutitt, W. Phillips, W. Foster, and others. The preliminaries having been gone through, the following aspirants were admitted and instructed in the various privileges and obligations of Pilgrims, Esquires, and Knights Templar by Sir Knight H. J. Shields—W. T. Patterson, 178; W. A. Munro, 441; and George Muir, 102.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.**—Sores, Wounds, Ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin, are capable of speedy amendment by this cooling and healing Ointment, which has called forth the loudest praise from persons who had suffered for years from bad legs, bad breasts, piles, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure had long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever Holloway's Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for as the easiest and safest remedy for all such complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout, the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.—ADVT.

It will be seen from our advertisement columns that a subscription has been opened for the purpose of purchasing prizes to be given to the boys who acquit themselves best in the various athletic sports—which will be held at Wood Green, after the distribution of prizes, on Thursday next, the 27th inst. Bro. Richard Eve, the Chairman, and several other brethren have already contributed, and we have no doubt a sum sufficient for the purpose will be obtained.

The usual ex-pupils' day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has been fixed for Saturday next, the 29th inst., on which occasion all former pupils are most cordially invited to be present, and will be sure of a hearty welcome.

At the 79th annual meeting of the Swedenborg Society it was resolved—"That this meeting, recognising in the doctrines of the New Church the Divinely provided and only satisfactory means by which the revealed truths of the Word are shewn to be in harmony with the discoveries and sound deductions of science and philosophy, regards the work of the Swedenborg Society in publishing the writings which contain these doctrines as of supreme importance to the religious, moral, and intellectual progress of mankind, and commends them to the diligent investigation of all earnest seekers after truth."

A special service was held in the Church of Peace, at Potsdam, on Saturday last, it being the anniversary of the death of the Emperor Frederick. The Emperor and Empress, three of their sons, and other members of the family, as well as a number of Court officials, and generals were present. On Sunday a special service in commemoration of the same sad event was held in Berlin Cathedral, while at Balmoral a short memorial service was held on Saturday, at which the Queen and the Princess Victoria of Prussia were present.

Prince George of Wales inspected the Corps of Commissionaires on the Royal Hospital Parade Ground, Chelsea, on Sunday, the number of men present being about 900, who were arranged in a battalion of eight companies, with their band drawn up in the centre. The Prince expressed his pleasure at seeing the men, who, on his departure, marched off to church service.

The Festival of St. John was observed by the Royal Wharfedale Lodge, at Otley, on Friday, the 14th inst., when Bro. William Weegmann was installed W.M. He was presented by Bro. H. Harrison, P.M., and the ceremony was performed by the Installing Master, Bro. W. Laycock, P.P.G. Std. Br. At the close, the newly elected W.M. invested the following brethren in their offices: Bros. J. H. Payne, I.P.M.; W. H. Dawson, S.W.; F. Cobby, J.W.; W. Laycock, P.M., Treas.; P. M. Slater, Sec.; F. Barraclough, S.D.; J. Etchells, P.P.G.R., J.D.; T. Houlding, D.C.; A. Walker, P.M., Org.; H. Harrison, P.M., I.G.; N. H. Tetley, Steward; and J. Mas'n, Tyler. A banquet followed. There were present brethren from Keighley and Baildon.

The Cambridge Higher Local Examinations are being conducted this week at 20 centres, and the number of candidates is 900. The regulations for June, 1890, are now published, and can be obtained from any of the local Secretaries, or from the Secretary of the Syndicate, Syndicate Buildings, Cambridge.

The sale of the second portion of the Earl of Crawford's library was commenced on Wednesday by Messrs. Sotheby and Co. Among the best lots was the first edition of the great "Catholicen" of Balbus de Janua, printed by Gutenberg in 1460, on vellum, £300; "Budeus," a superb specimen of the library of the famous Diane de Poitiers (bought by Lord Crawford for £130), £305; and "Cicero on Old Age," black letter, small folio, by W. Caxton, £320. The day's sale realised upwards of £2000.

The death is announced of Bro. S. Steele, a member of the firm of Messrs. Steele and Frazer, outfitters of Victoria-street, Derby. Bro. Steele, the son of a Baptist minister, lived in Derby for upwards of 30 years, and for 20 years had been in business. He passed the chair in the Lodge of Repose, nine years ago, but he had been initiated in the Hartington a long time previously. In 1881 he was appointed Treasurer to the former lodge, and was also appointed an officer of Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Steele has left a wife and family to mourn his loss.

At the Royal Society conversazione on Wednesday, Mr. J. Aitken, F.R.S., exhibited an apparatus for counting the dust particles in the atmosphere. By means of this apparatus he demonstrates that, if there were no dust in the air, there would be neither clouds nor fog, because the vapour would have nothing to condense upon. Then by all means let us get rid of our dust; though, perhaps, it is easier said than done.

Speaking on Wednesday night at a dinner held at the Holborn Restaurant in aid of the funds of the Pawnbrokers' Charitable Institution, Mr. R. Percy Attenborough said it was established in the year 1823, and that their almshouses at West Ham were founded in 1849. The object of their present meeting was to raise some £3000 to complete a fund of £5000, which their committee required to convert some houses on their estate at West Ham into shops. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. J. Adams, announced a total of subscriptions amounting to £2417.

A dramatic and musical performance will be given at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, the entire profits to be handed to Dr. Barnardo's Home. Miss Grace Murielle will appear in a fairy monologue by Mr. F. W. Broughton. "The Happy Paris" will be played, and there will be recitations by Mr. R. Shipman, Mr. T. Herbert Terriss, and others.

**LINCOLN AND PETERBORO' MUSICAL FESTIVAL.**—The combined choirs of Lincoln and Peterboro' Cathedrals, aided by contingents from the choral societies of Lincoln, Peterboro', Nottingham, Grimsby, and other places, on Wednesday gave their second triennial festival in Lincoln Cathedral. Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was chosen for the afternoon service, and Handel's "Dettingen Te Deum," followed by Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise, formed the evening programme. The soloists were Miss Anna Williams, Miss Hilda Wilson, Mr. Burton McGuckin, and Mr. Watkin Mills. The band and chorus numbered over 550 performers. The attendance, unfortunately, was not very large.