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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday was a brief one; there was but little business to transact, and what there was not being of a character to provoke discussion, the proceedings were little else than formal. The Acting Grand Master, by request of the Earl of CARNARVON, Pro Grand Master, moved the resolution of which his lordship had given notice—that an address of congratulation be presented to H.R.H. the G. Master on the occasion of the marriage of his eldest daughter with Bro. the Duke of FIFE, Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire, and the motion having been duly seconded by Bro. Col. RAMSAY, D.G.M. Malta, was agreed to unanimously, amid hearty applause from all parts of the Hall. The Reports of the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes were adopted, though, as regards the paragraph in the latter, in which it was announced that the Board had arranged for a reduction in the price of the Charity jewel from £2 10s. to £2, Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND stated, on the authority of experts, that the same kind of article could be supplied for £1 10s. Bro. FENN, however, considered the reduction was all that could reasonably be expected, and, as no amendment was moved, the Report was adopted without alteration. We venture, however, to repeat the opinion we expressed last week that the Charity jewel should be presented by Grand Lodge itself, as in that case the honour would be much enhanced, and brethren would exhibit still greater readiness than they do now to serve the office of Steward. Let the jewel be manufactured of less costly material, but let it be given to the brethren who become qualified to wear it in open Grand Lodge, as it is even now in several of the Provinces in open Prov. G. Lodge, instead of being left to be purchased by them. The existing arrangement entails a tax on the brother, who already is required to pay 24 guineas out of his own pocket for his qualification and fees together. Thus the change we suggest would abolish the tax, and enhance the value of the decoration—a brace of considerations which are certainly worth taking into account.

THE CRAFT IN CORNWALL.

The proceedings at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall on the 27th ult. were both interesting and in the main satisfactory. Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, Prov. G.M., presided in person, and was well supported by his Prov. Grand Officers and the brethren generally, the number present being estimated at over 400. The reports that were submitted showed incontestably that the work of the past year had been admirably carried out. The statistical returns as to the strength of the lodges exhibited a slight reduction in numbers, to which we are inclined to attach no great importance; but we regret to notice that the Prov. Grand Secretary has reason to complain of the delay on the part of sundry of the lodges in furnishing the necessary particulars from which these returns are compiled. On the other hand, the report as to the funds must have been most gratifying. The receipts, including a balance of nearly £153 from the previous year, amounted to close on £381, while the disbursements, consisting of £126 expended in Charity and £89 10s. for expenses of administration, were only £215 10s., so that the balance remaining in hand at the close of the year was slightly in excess of £165. The report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund disclosed a state of things which was even more satisfactory, as the balance remaining on the year's account was £330, while the capital account was £4514, as against £4348 at the corresponding period of the previous year. The same laudatory remarks will apply to the report delivered by Bro. GILBERT B. PEARCE, Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association. From this we gather that every lodge in the province, with one exception, is represented in this Association, and that the receipts during the past year from the various classes of subscribers, whether individuals or lodges, was £285 12s., of which already £283 10s. had been forwarded to London and appropriated among the three Institutions—namely, 125 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 85 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and 45 guineas to the Royal Masonic Insti-

tution for Boys, the difference of 15 guineas required to make up the total forwarded not having been assigned at the date of the report. Bro. PEARCE, however, was careful to remind the brethren that, though the members of the Association had increased during the year by 17, many of the original members had already completed payment of the sums they had promised, and many more would do so in the course of the coming year, so that it was desirable the brethren should at once set about renewing their subscriptions—as many had done already—or otherwise the Association would fall into decay. Bro. CHARLES TRUSCOTT, as manager of the votes for the London Charities, gave a full account of his Stewardship, not only for the past year, but for the whole of the period—since 1881—that he had been in office. From this statement it seems that the voting strength of the Province, so far as Bro. TRUSCOTT was able to speak with anything like certainty, was 2386, made up of 770 girls, 732 boys, and 884 benevolent votes; while since 1886 he had received from the Province 11,908 votes, and by this means had been able to carry the election of two boys, two girls, and two male and three widow annuitants, there being also 1326 votes already cast for, and therefore standing to the credit of a boy on the list of candidates for admission into the Boys' School. There were also submitted, and adopted with a slight addition, the recommendations of the Committee appointed to deal with Bro. BAKE'S motion for a re-arrangement of the plans for administering the Charity Funds of the Province. This Committee gave it as their opinion that for the present no new organisation should be formed for the collection and management of these Funds, but they proposed there should be a Charity Committee, consisting of the Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Wardens, and others, with a representative from each lodge which had subscribed to the extent of £5 to the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund during the previous year, increased power being given to this Committee as to annuities and grants, and the rules under which they should be made; five to be a quorum. As regards the year on which they were entering, grants were voted of 50 guineas to the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and 10 guineas to each of the general Masonic Institutions in London, Bro. HUGHAN, P.G.D., in supporting the latter grant, very properly pointing out that the unfavourable report which had been delivered in respect of one of them must not be looked upon as affording a reason for the claims of the London Charities being overlooked or lost sight of. The same brother also took the opportunity of referring in terms of eulogy to the valuable services which Bro. CHIRGWIN had rendered during the past 25 years in his capacity of Secretary to the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and this expression, emanating as it did from one so well qualified to speak, elicited loud applause from all present. The new Provincial Grand Officers were heartily cheered and congratulated on the honours bestowed on them; and Cornwall has entered upon a new year, with the same disposition as heretofore to carry out its appointed duties, and with what we trust will turn out to be an improved organisation at its disposal for the administration of its Charity Funds. We heartily congratulate the Grand Master and our Cornish brethren on the satisfactory position in which they are placed—a position which is all the more creditable from its being the result of their own energy and the desire they have always shown to promote the welfare of Freemasonry.

MOUNT VERNON LODGE, No. 3, ALBANY, NEW YORK.

The history of this old lodge is one of the most curious I have met with, and deserves to be fully written, and then printed in a separate volume, for careful study and preservation. Meanwhile, the interesting sketch furnished by the Masonic Historian of New York*—Bro. C. T. McClenachan—is a most welcome contribution, and will doubtless be eagerly perused by numerous Masonic students. Bro. Speth, the ever active Secretary of 2076, has also sent me a letter from Bro. Solomon Strasser, W.M. of the above lodge, with transcripts of its three

* "History of Freemasonry in New York," 1888. Vol. I.

Craft warrants of 1759, 1765, and 1773, duly certified by the Secretary, Bro. John Lomax, P.M. (now in the custody of the Grand Secretary of New York), so that, with these particulars before me, the way seems clear for a brief sketch of the lodge, especially in relation to its several charters and their peculiar origin and character.

The "silver-haired mother of lodges" took the name of the "Union" apparently in 1765, but possibly earlier, and was then known as "No. 1, of Albany." From 1806 its title has been altered to "Mount Vernon," the *third* on the roll of the Grand Lodge having been its distinguishing number from about that period to now.

In 1737 the Grand Lodge of Ireland chartered a lodge to be held "in the Second Battalion Royal" (*1st Foot*), by authority of Lord Tyrone, Grand Master, the following being a transcript (of the copy made in 1765) corrected by another of the same year, published by me lately* and numbered 77.

Tyrone, G.M. By the Right Worshipful and Right Honorable *Lord James Brenan, D.G.M.* *Visct. Tyrone*, Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free-Masons in the Kingdom of IRELAND; the *Rt. Worshipful James Brenan, M.D.*, Deputy Grand Master, the *Worshipful Cornelius Callaghan, Junr., Esq.*, and *John Putland, Esq.*, Grand Wardens.

WHEREAS our Trusty and well beloved Brothers *Mr. James Nelson, Mr. Thomas Brew & Mr. Thomas Swingler* have besought Us that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Free-Masons in the *Second Battalion Royal* of such Persons who by their skill and knowledge in Masonry may contribute to the well being and advancement thereof. We therefore duly weighing the Premises and having nothing more at heart than the Prosperity and true Advancement of Masonry & reposing Special Trust and confidence in our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers, the said *James Nelson, Thomas Brew & Thomas Swingler* of whose Abilities and Knowledge in Masonry we are satisfied Do by these PRESENTS, of Our certain Knowledge and meer motion Nominate Create Authorize and Constitute the said *James Nelson*, Master, *Thomas Brew & Thomas Swingler* Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to be held by them and their Successors lawfully Admitted in said Lodge for ever. AND we do hereby Give and Grant unto the said *James Nelson, Thomas Brew & Thomas Swingler* and their Successors full Power and lawful Authority from Time to Time to proceed to Election of a new Master and Wardens, to make such Laws, Rules & Orders as they from time to time shall think Proper and Convenient for the Well-being and Ordering of the said Lodge reserving to Our Selves and Our Successors, Grand Master or Grand Wardens of IRELAND, the Sole Right of deciding all Differences which shall be brought by Appeal before Us and our Successors, Grand Master or Grand Wardens of Ireland.

In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set Our Hands and Seal of Office, this *twenty-sixth day of October* in the year of our Lord God 1737 & in the year of Masonry 5737.

Intratur per *John Pennel*
Secretary.

Although a doubt has been expressed as to the correct date of this warrant, there need not be one, as No. 77 was issued in the same year and by the same authority. Bro. Gould mentions the fact that "only thirty-seven Irish lodges" are noted in the Dublin Pocket Companion for 1735†, but the Grand Lodge rapidly increased from that period, and was very popular with our military brethren during the last century. The year 1783, that appears in the official records, must refer to a subsequent issue of the same number, in consequence of the original lodge having ceased to work, or some other cause, according to the custom of that Grand Lodge, which has continued to this day, the numerical position on the Irish roll not being an indication of actual seniority, as it should be.

The regiment was evidently domiciled at Albany for some years, and during its sojourn the members of the Lodge No. 74 had plenty of work to do in initiating residents, who naturally desired to meet as a lodge when the regiment was ordered to move. In order to render these meetings as regular as possible, until due authority had been obtained from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Master and Wardens of their *Alma Mater* furnished the citizens of Albany, who had joined their ranks, with a copy of the warrant of No. 74. This was in 1759, and was the result of the "unanimous consent and agreement" of the military brethren, who fully relied on their local members taking steps to secure a charter from Dublin. Whether they did or not cannot be decided, but their existence as a lodge may fairly be dated from such authorisation, for in many respects that semi-official origin was of a much more Masonic character than in many other instances that could be mentioned of the period. It would be absurd to claim for the initial proceedings of lodges, under the difficulties peculiar to the Craft in early days, the same regularity and fidelity as to all details that should be observed under more advantageous circumstances, and as we now demand.

The endorsement fully sets forth the facts as follows:

We the Master, Wardens and Brethren of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 74 of the Registry of Ireland, held in the *Second Battalion Royal*, adorned with all the Honors and Assembled in due form, do hereby Declare, Certify, and Attest that Whereas our Body is very numerous by the addition of many new members, Merchants and Inhabitants of the City

* *Freemason*, November 10th, 1888.

† *History of Freemasonry*, last Vol., p. 401.

of Albany, They having earnestly requested and besought us to enable them to hold a Lodge during our absence from them. And we knowing them to be MEN of skill and ability in Masonry & desirous to promote the welfare of the CRAFT, We have therefore, by unanimous consent and agreement given them an exact and true COPY of our WARRANT as above & have properly INSTALLED Mr. Richard Cartwright, Mr. Henry Bostwick & Mr. William Furguson as Assistant Master and Wardens of our Body, allowing them to Sit and Act during our absence or until they, by our assistance can procure a separate Warrant for themselves from the GRAND LODGE in IRELAND.

Given under our hands and Seal of our Lodge in the City of Albany, the 11th Day of April in the Year of Masonry 5759 and the Year of our Lord God 1759.

Amos Sutherland, Master.
Charles Calder S. } Wardens.
Thos Parker J. }

John Steadman
Secretary

The first appointment for New York was that of Bro. Daniel Coxe in 1730 (including New Jersey and Pennsylvania), the second being in favour of Captain Richard Riggs in 1737. After a lapse of several years, the third Prov. G. Master was appointed in 1751, Bro. Francis Goellet, followed by Bro. George Harrison in 1753, and Sir John Johnson in 1767-1771. These were all in connection with the premier Grand Lodge, known as the "Moderns," yet, though five Prov. Grand Masters had thus the oversight, Masonically, of New York, 1730 to 1771, only one lodge was ever returned to headquarters (England) as having been constituted in the City! The one so favoured was "St. John's Lodge, No. 2," chartered 27th December, 1757, and numbered 272 on the English Register. There were, however, numerous lodges at work, either before or during the period named, possibly constituted by one or other of the authorities named, though no fees were transmitted, or returns made, to the regular Grand Lodge of England.

There was, doubtless, a "St. John's Lodge, No. 1," meeting in New York during the fourth decade of the last century, and the numerous Regimental lodges, hailing from the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, must have also had a busy time of it in that City and State; accounting in part for the existence of lodges about whose origin we are in ignorance, and whose presence in the American Provinces "might furnish a partial explanation" of the numerous problems yet unsolved regarding lodges before and after 1737, as Bro. McClenachan suggests. Anyway, the St. John's Lodge, aforesaid, dates from 1757, as the senior lodge of New York, and is closely followed by the subject of my sketch, in 1759.

The members of the "Union" Lodge must have petitioned the Prov. G.M., Bro. Geo. Harrison, for a warrant, as on February 1st, 1765, a charter was granted the members by that brother, under the name as noted, and it seems that from that date the brethren considered they had been "duly constituted," as their by-laws of 1773 declare. The rules are reproduced in the handsome history from which I quote, and consist of 25 articles, many of which are exceedingly good. The fifth Prov. G.M. for New York, Sir John Johnson, in response to an application from the Master and Wardens (on behalf of the members), granted the lodge a new warrant, as a "renewal and confirmation of their Patents," on July 3rd, 1773, in which the Union Lodge was required to "pay quarterly to us [the Prov. G.M.] the sum of — Currency, to be applied towards the Grand Charity in London," which is a most amusing regulation, considering no fees had previously been sent to that Grand Lodge, and, of course, was never acted upon subsequently. The document confirmed to the lodge their former Patents "in its full extent and meaning, together with such Precedency and other Privileges as they may or ought to claim by virtue thereof."

Internal dissension about 1803 led to an open rupture, but the secession was a small one, and did not last long. On December 3rd, 1806, still another warrant was needful, as the previous charters had to be surrendered and a new one obtained from the Grand Lodge of New York, an outcome of the "Atholl" or "Ancient" warrant of 1781, granted to Rev. William Walter, as Prov. G.M.

The name of the lodge was changed to "Mount Vernon," and its number from then to now has been *three*. Of the subsequent career of this distinguished lodge more will be told in a later volume of the exhaustive history of one of the oldest and most prosperous Grand Lodges in America.

W. J. HUGHAN.

AN ORATION.

The following oration was delivered at the laying of the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall at Altoona, Pennsylvania:—

We are assembled upon an interesting occasion—to lay a corner-stone. The act implies a beginning and a development. Both call forth our admiration. How beautiful the day dawns, brightening the East with its resplendent rays, touching the mountain tops and pouring forth its light so softly that, swift as

are its rays, the fine texture of the human eye is uninjured! How interesting to watch the expanding flower from the moment the first dewdrop forms itself in the flower cup to the hour of its perfection! What interest centres in the springing grass, a prophecy of a coming harvest! How the sight of millions is entranced by the struggles of a people rising up to cast off their shackles and declare their freedom!

But the foundation upon which we stand to-day is not a beginning only; but the evidence of development and a sign of enterprise. We are living in an age when the pulse of life seems to beat faster than in the ages gone. Old things are passing away; all things are becoming new. The nineteenth century will take its place in history as the birth hour of the most useful as well as the most wonderful inventions. What great mastery men have gained over the secrets of nature! What grand rewards have crowned the patient researches in the walks of science and literature! But old truths are not fading; they are only assuming new forms. We see an illustration of this before us. We are here not only to lay a corner-stone, but the corner-stone of a Masonic Temple, and a temple, in a spiritual sense, often imports a rebuilding or progress, and when we speak of a Masonic Temple, the words present to our view a great building, whose principal supports are strength, beauty, and wisdom.

Without strength, there can be no perpetuity. A palace of snow, how brittle! A range of mountains, how durable! Perpetuity implies cohesion, a cementing together of particles—a mystery. And what is Freemasonry? A bond of union, mysteriously formed, and therefore to many who have never been initiated into its Sublime Degrees there has always been associated with it a wonderful fascination. And this is a not a matter of surprise when we consider the many elements of attraction connected with the system and principles that, incorporated into it, impart stability, and guarantee to it a noble immortality. One reason of its attractiveness is its antiquity.

However much men may disagree as to the precise date of its origin—whether its foundation was laid in the first ages of the world, when symmetry began and harmony displayed her charms, or no further back than the building of Solomon's Temple—its traditions and landmarks are sufficient to invest Masonry with the honours of antiquity. Whilst it is true that in this age, and especially in this country, when the rush of business and a desire for wealth override every thought but those which crystallise around the all-absorbing question, "Will it pay?" men give no time to aught else. Who with a mind the least inclined to the æsthetic can fail to stand in admiration before the hoar-frosts of the centuries past? The mountain that has defied the lightning's flash and the thunder's roar, the whirlwind and the sea, the midnight heavens, the forests, the ancient hills have all remained unchanged amid the revolutions of empires, whilst above all is God, the Ancient of Days, the Great First Cause.

Another element of this fascination is the beauty of its mysterious symbolism. In the early ages of the world men formed themselves into religious associations whose ceremonies were conducted in secret, whose doctrines were only known to the initiated, and whose members were in possession of signs and tokens by which they could recognise each other, and which were called "mysteries." There are two theories regarding their connection with Freemasonry. The one traces the origin of both to the worship established by Jehovah, and the other finds the connection commencing at the building of Solomon's Temple. In the infancy of the world poetry reigned in the human heart, and expressed itself in hieroglyphics. A careful investigation of Jewish history will show that symbolical machinery was engrafted into their system of both worship and teaching, and was carried into their public and private vocations. Hence the beauty that is found in Jewish and Masonic symbolism—for from strength emerges beauty, which is harmony, and this cannot be without strength. It was thus the Great Architect built the Universe. The dewdrop, the Alpine height, the rose leaf, the snow flake have all touches of beauty, and so parallel are the lines of mathematics and the laws of beauty that while Masonry inculcates the principles of natural science, it presents the beautiful lessons of a moral science that impart wisdom, strength, and beauty to individual character.

Money spent for adornment is not a waste. If the homes of our land were more attractive there would be less drunkenness and fewer divorces. That these teachings are full of mystery I do not deny, but they are full of wisdom. Into every rational thought there enters an incomprehensible element. The universe is full of mystery. Man's being is mysterious, so are the fixed stars and the creeping ivy. Therefore, when we see the symbols of Masonry—the cube, the square, the circle, the triangle—representatives of eternity, science, power, perfection, equality, there is a mysteriousness about it all that awakens emotions almost uncontrollable. What are its symbols but the hiding of truth? God stores away great and mighty truths.

But the attractions of Masonry do not consist merely in its

antiquity, beauty, mystery, and symbolism, but in the wisdom imparted by the doctrines and duties it inculcates. Primarily it requires belief in the existence of God. No Atheist can become a Mason. It has been well said: "Ignorant of a Great First Cause and the noble destiny of the soul, he will not be brought under the rules and moral science or the principles of eternal truth. In a state of darkness the Great Spirit will never more open the gloomy depths of his soul, for while he has no faith in God he cannot be brought to Light."

The first light of Masonry is the Bible, the source of light. There is not a Degree conferred in a regular lodge which does not direct to it. It ever lies open upon our altar, and without it no one can ever penetrate the depths of its philosophy, or bring forth truths from beneath its lofty arches. The truths of the Bible, like stars above street lamps, shine over all other teaching. In these days, when the most polished blade of criticism and the heaviest artillery of infidelity are brought to bear upon it, we are called upon more loudly than ever to maintain its authority. The immense infusion of a foreign population, the teaching of anarchism and kindred errors are the dangers of the State, and we, as custodians of truth, justice, and patriotism, must guard well every avenue of approach to the sacred temple of American liberty.

The tie of brotherhood is a mighty power, a chain of affection inspiring with a courage that defies danger and triumphs over every foe. Who can fail to admire the brotherhood of the Crusaders or the dauntless courage of Godfrey de Bouillon? How sublimely grand was St. Paul as he wrote, "I could wish myself accused from Christ for my brethren." From this spirit springs the Charity that relieves, not as a duty to a pauper, but as a brotherly privilege. Masonry is the guardian of womanly virtue, and in league with Christian civilisation elevates her. The destitute widow and the helpless orphan it aids in the bearing of burdens. A true Mason is a lover of truth.

The institution of Masonry has been assailed, but it still stands, uttering its teachings to thousands, who delight to hear and obey.—*Keystone.*

JUST CRITICISMS.

Comp. Caswell, in his review of American Grand Chapter Correspondence, condemns "the era of the good fellow." He considers "The electing men to responsible Masonic positions because of their good fellowship, that being their only qualification, has worked mischief enough in times past, and we presume will continue to work more evil in the future, for there are always enough unthinking partisans of a 'good fellow' to push him to the front if he desires to go there, regardless of his fitness for the position. We have seen persons holding positions as Masonic instructors who could not give a definition to one half the words they used with parrot-like volubility. These were 'good fellows,' and were ambitious to be regarded as teachers of their brethren; but what a travesty upon the enlightenment of the age to set up such monuments of ignorance and illiteracy as instructors of the Craft."

He also strongly condemns rotation in office in the following terms: "In Masonry, as in all created things, we believe in the 'survival of the fittest.' We see no sense in the proposition that, because a companion is elected as Royal Arch Captain, he must, however unqualified, be promoted from station to station, with all his imperfections on his head, until he makes an ass of himself and a 'holy show' of his chapter by placing what few brains he may be possessed of in the chair of the High Priest. We have often seen very excellent companions, in their way, both in Grand and subordinate bodies, elected to some subordinate position where their incompetency was clearly apparent; yet, when the time came round for election, although it was well understood that they were no more fit for the next higher position than a cat in a super-tropical climate without claws, they 'got there all the same,' because they were popular, 'right down good fellows,' always willing to 'set 'em up for the boys,' and it wouldn't do to slight them. We have often groaned in the spirit to see our impressive ceremonies marred and our beautiful ritual butchered by some of these 'good fellows' painfully mouthing words, of the meaning of which they had no more conception than a blind puppy would have, and we have often made ourself conspicuous by our absence at meetings which we would gladly have attended under more favourable circumstances. And yet these companions were not only 'good fellows,' but good Masons; they were simply incompetent, by lack of education or otherwise, to fill the position to which their too partial companions had elected them."

Mr. William Morris has described Ravenscourt Park as "the pleasantest and prettiest piece of public ground to be found within an equal distance of Bow Bells." Ravenscourt Park is now public property, thanks, in a large measure, to the Vestry of Hammersmith. The public library, is in the park, and which has just been opened, is known as "The Mansion," and is associated in London history with the name of Lord Mayor Sir Richard Gurney, who owned the place.

NOTABLE LODGE MEETINGS.

I.—EASTON LODGE.

It will be in the recollection of our readers that by the courtesy of Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Essex, the meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge was this year held at his residence of Easton Lodge, near Dunmow. The meeting, as a reference to the report we published on the 10th August will show, was more than usually successful, the attractions offered by a visit to one of those old ancestral seats, which are still to be seen in all parts of England, having drawn together a larger muster of brethren than are in the habit of attending these annual gatherings; and the illustration we publish to-day, and for which we are indebted to Bro. Lennox Browne, Prov. S.G.W. of Essex, represents the scene as it appeared in the evening when the house and grounds were brilliantly illuminated in honour of the occasion.

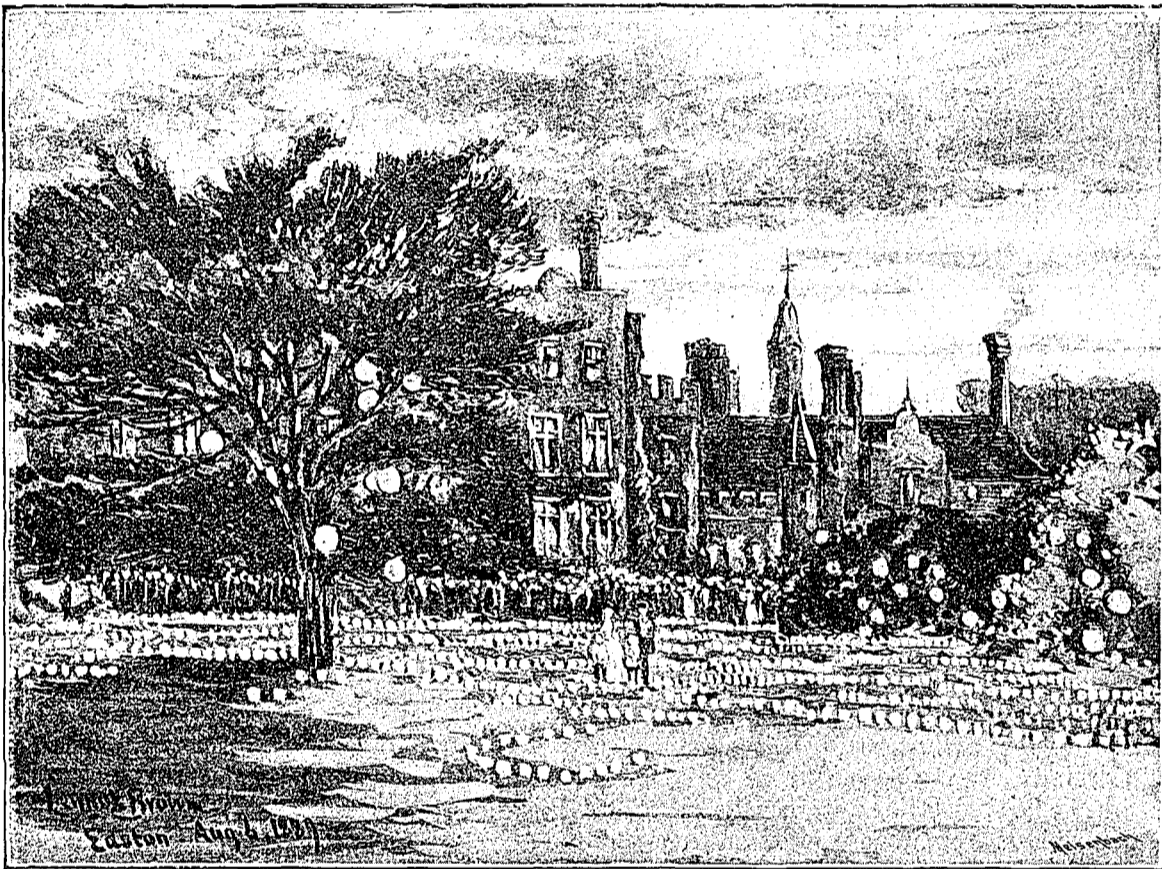
Easton Lodge was built in the latter part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by whom, indeed, the manor was conferred on Henry Maynard, ancestor to Lady Brooke; and though like most other country seats, it has undergone much in the way of alteration and restoration, and though owing to the ravages of more than one serious fire, there is very little of the original edifice now remaining, it still retains most of the leading characteristics of the Elizabethan style of architecture. It is a fine mansion, and what makes it still more attractive is the spacious park by which it is surrounded, and in which the brethren who took no part in the business proceedings of their Prov. G. Lodge found themselves at liberty to roam and enjoy both the beautiful scenery and the enchanting selection of music which the fine band of the Northumberland Fusiliers discoursed so pleasantly. The occasion indeed was one which will be long remembered with pleasure by all who had the privilege or good fortune to be present.

The Lodge is situated in the parish of Easton Parva or Easton ad Turrim, the name, however, being written variously in the records as Estames, Eiston, Eystanes, Eyston, Estayns, &c., and in Domesday as Estanes. We learn from Bartlett's "History of Essex" that before the Conquest this Easton or Estanes belonged to a free-man and free-woman, by name Duna, and that at the date of the Survey the manor was held by William de Warren and Geoffrey de Mandeville. As far back as the time of the Conqueror the lordship was held of Windsor Castle, by a family named De Windsor. It was conveyed by marriage at different times, into different families, and in 1589 was granted by Queen Elizabeth to Henry Maynard, the then representative of an old family, a branch of which was at an earlier date seated in Kent, and at Brixton, in Devonshire. This Henry Maynard was secretary to the great Sir William Cecil, Lord Burleigh, and sat as a representative in Parliament for St. Albans in the years 1586, 1588, and 1597, and for the County of Essex in 1601. In 1603 he served the office of Sheriff, and in the same year received the honour of Knighthood at the hands of James I. On his death in 1610 he was succeeded by his eldest son William, who was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, and was in the first list of those on whom the honours of a baronetcy were conferred. In 1620 James created him Baron Maynard of Wicklow, in Ireland, and in 1627, Charles I. made him Baron Maynard of Estaines Parva, otherwise Estaines ad Turrim and Little Easton. This William, first Lord Maynard, died in 1640, and in 1766, his last male descendant, Charles, 6th

Baron, being aged and unmarried, was created by patent Baron Maynard of Much Easton, in the County of Essex, and Viscount Maynard, with remainder, on failure of issue male of his body, to his cousin, Sir William Maynard, of Walton, in the County of Essex, Baronet, great grandson of Charles, third son of Henry Maynard, and brother of William, first Baron. On the death of Charles, Baron and first Viscount Maynard, in 1775, the baronetcy of James I.'s creation, and the baronies of Wicklow and Estaines Parva of Charles I.'s creation, became extinct, and the Viscounty devolved on the son and heir of Sir William Maynard of Walton, who died in 1806, and was succeeded by Henry, third Viscount, who died in 1865, when the title became extinct, his son, Col. the Hon. Charles Henry Maynard, having predeceased him, but leaving by his wife Blanche, daughter of Henry Fitzroy, Esq., and now Countess of Rosslyn, two daughters, of whom the elder was married to Lord Brooke in 1881.

Of Lord Brooke it is only necessary to say that he is one of the most respected and popular Masons of the day. He was initiated while at Christ Church, Oxford, in the famous Apollo University Lodge, and in 1882, on the death of Lord Tenterden, Prov. Grand Master of Essex, was appointed by his Royal Highness the Grand Master, to succeed that brother. The ceremony of his installation was performed by his late Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, who became personally much attached to his lordship while they were at Oxford together, and since then he has spared no effort to promote the success

of Freemasonry in the province over which he presides. In these efforts he has won golden opinions from every one, nor shall we be detracting from the merits of other Prov. G. Masters, or the respect in which they are held, if we say that among the leading brethren of the present decade, there is none who has done more for the good of Masonry than the present lord of Easton. It should be added that Lord Brooke is the eldest son and heir of Francis Geo. Guy Greville,



EASTON LODGE.—LOOKING AT THE FIREWORKS.

fourth Earl of Warwick and Brooke, who was born in March, 1818, and is therefore in the 72nd year of his age, and it is not a little singular that the Greville, from whom the present and future Earl of Warwick are descended, like the Maynard, to whom Lady Brooke traces back her pedigree, was an important personage in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and received his patent of nobility as Baron Brooke, of Beauchamp Court, in the County of Warwick, from James I. in 1621, or just one year after William, son of Henry Maynard, received, as already mentioned, his patent as Baron Maynard of Wicklow. The Earldom of Brooke dates from 1746, and that of Warwick from 1759, and to these titles we may expect that, in the course of nature, his lordship will one day succeed.

INVERSION OF LETTERS.—In many of the French Masonic documents, especially, as Mackey reminds us, from Thory, and above all in the high grades, a system was adopted of inverting letters, either to conceal the word from the profane, or, as Thory says, "Inversions infantines"—infantine inversions, childish, meaningless. Thus "Rosæ Crucis" was written Ϡοsæ αινος, Nomolos for Solomon, Mirah for Hiram. It will be seen that there is a difference between these two systems, and it is not necessary to endorse Thory's opinion that it was caprice or folly which dictated such an arrangement; it was part of an earlier desire to restrict the knowledge of certain things to the initiated. The system is based, no doubt, on that of the Cabalists and the Hermetic School. Many other examples might be cited of this system if space permitted.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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**CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCES LODGE,
No. 2316, AT LIVERPOOL.**

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., a new lodge, making the seventh in the Province of West Lancashire, during the present year, was consecrated at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Princes-road, Liverpool.

The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.W., P.G.D. Eng., assisted by Bros. T. M. Shuttleworth, Prov. S.G.W.; E. Segar, Prov. J.G.W.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; Rev. T. Gardner, Prov. G. Chap.; and J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C., acting D.C.

There were also present: Founders—Bros. Geo. A. Harradon, P.M.; T. H. W. Walker, P.G. Treas.; Jas. De Bels Adam, S.W. 680; T. A. Withey, P.M. 1620; Alfred Cross, P.M. 1713, P. Prov. S.G.D.; James Tarbuck, J.D. 2290; C. A. Trevitt, Jos. Glover, Thos. J. Tarbuck, and W. H. Bucknell, P.P.A.G.D.C. Staffordshire. Visitors: Bros. Rev. R. T. Leslie, P.M. 1713, P.P.G. Chap.; Major McTear, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Barrow, P.M. 155, P.P.G.D.; Robt. Foote, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; Thos. Evans, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Jos. Jones, W.M. 1713; Geo. Barclay, 1264; W. McLacklan, W.M. 241; Dr. Thos. Clarke, P.M. 673, W.M. 2290; Ralph Betley, P.M. 1335; Jas. Platt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. G. Forsythe, W.M. 1473; H. H. Smith, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; D. Williams, 2042; W. Lewis, 2042; O. G. Rowlands, S.W. 1675; D. Davies, 1675; W. W. Jones, P.M. 786; Dr. Robertson, J.W. 784; Robt. Jones, 113; Thos. Lowton, J.W. 2042; Jas. Callow, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249, P.G. Stwd.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. WYLIE addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, and after the D.C. had read the petition and warrant,

The P.G. Chap., Bro. Rev. T. GARDNER, delivered an oration on the principles of the Institution.

After the usual ceremony, the Presiding Officer dedicated and constituted the lodge, and the W.M. designate, Bro. G. A. A. Harradon, was then presented by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Goodacre, for installation. The addresses were delivered by Bros. Shuttleworth, P.S.G.W., and Segar, P.J.G.W. The W. Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. H. W. Walker, P.G. Treas., S.W.; Jas. De Bels Adam, J.W.; Richard Armitage, P.A.G.S., Treas.; T. A. Withey, Sec.; James Tarbuck, S.D.; C. A. Trevitt, J.D.; Joseph Glover, I.G.; Alfred Cross, P.S.G.D., D.C.; and Thomas I. Tarbuck, Steward.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hotel, where a banquet was provided.

The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal and instrumental efforts of Bros. T. Shaw, O. J. Rowlands, D. J. Davies, D. Williams, and the members of the Cambrian Quartette; while Bro. Forsythe acted as accompanist.

The clothing, jewels, &c., were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major Goldie-Taubman, Prov. G.M. of the Isle of Man, presided. Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, Dist. G.M. of Malta, acted as D.G.M.; Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P. Dist. G.M. of Bengal, as P.G.M.; Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, as S.G.W.; Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, as J.G.W.; and among the other brethren present were—Bros. Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India; John Cave Orr, President of the Board of General Purposes for the Province of Bengal; and John Fenwick (Brisbane), District Grand Secretary Queensland.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 5th June,

Major GOLDIE-TAUBMAN rose, and said the next notice on the agenda paper was one of a motion in the name of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and he (Major Goldie-Taubman) was authorised by the noble Earl that night, and on his behalf, and in his name, to say how very much Lord Carnarvon regretted not being able to be present to make the motion in person. To him (Major Goldie-Taubman) it was a very great source of regret that Lord Carnarvon was not present, as the noble Earl would have done much more justice to the proposition than he (Major Goldie-Taubman) could; but he trusted, and he also knew, the proposition commanded such sympathy among all Masons that it was unnecessary for him to say more than a few words upon it. They recollected that not only the people of England but all Masons especially took particular interest in anything in which the Royal House of their Grand Master was concerned. They looked forward to the happiness, not only of himself and the Princess, but of all his family, and this marriage, he thought he might say, on behalf of Masonry, would be not only a good marriage, but a happy one in the future. He begged to propose the motion in the name of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon—

That an address be presented by Grand Lodge to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on the auspicious occasion of the marriage of his eldest daughter, her Royal Highness the Princess Louise of Wales, with his Grace the Duke of Fife, K.T., Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire, offering the most hearty congratulations and good wishes of its members on the happy event.

Col. MARMADUKE RAMSAY, Dist. G.M. Malta, said he had much pleasure in seconding the proposition which the M.W. acting Grand Master had just brought before Grand Lodge. It must be an additional source of gratification to them, as Masons, that the bridegroom, the Duke of Fife, was a member of their Order, and not only that, but that he had attained the high rank of a Provincial Grand Master in the Order. With these few words, he had very great pleasure in seconding the proposition of the acting Grand Master.

The motion was carried unanimously, and amidst loud applause.

The following recommendations of grants by the Board of Benevolence were, on the motion of Bro. ROBERT GREY, President, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, Senior Vice-President of the Board, confirmed:

A brother of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, London	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 943, Norwich	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 491, Jersey	50 0 0
A brother of the Star Lodge, No. 1275, Greenwich	50 0 0

The following Report of the Board of General Purposes was then taken:

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board have had under their consideration the price hitherto charged for the "Charity Jewel" permitted to be worn by brethren who have served as Stewards for two or more of the three Masonic Institutions, and they have communicated with Mr. Spilling, who has for many years been authorised to supply them to the Craft on the Certificate of the Grand Secretary, in accordance with page 144 of the Book of Constitutions.

The Board have now to report that Mr. Spilling has, consequently, reduced the price of the jewel from £2 10s., the present amount, to £2, Hall-marked. The material and workmanship to be as before.

The Board submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of August instant, shewing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5744 12s. 3d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £26 17s. 11d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
20th August, 1889.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, though not making a motion on the subject, referred to that part of the report relating to Charity jewels, and objected to the price, even the reduced price, asserting that he had had such articles examined and taken to pieces by manufacturing jewellers, on whose authority he had it that they could be made for 30s. apiece. He thought it better that the 10s. should be put in the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodges and devoted to some other purpose. He brought the subject forward because, having had his jewel examined, he was assured that the article could be made with the gold as good, and the rings thicker, for 30s.

Bro. THOMAS FENN said as Bro. Cumberland did not make any motion affecting the report of the Board, he did not know whether it was competent for him (Bro. Fenn) to speak upon the subject; but he thought it was. However, he thought it right to explain that the Board took this matter seriously into consideration, and they thought it was not right that the jewel should be a flimsy one, but that it should be something substantial, and the gold, instead of being a small ring, should be such that the cost was 12s.; the hall marking was 4s.; the engraving was considered to be worth 2s. 6d., and there were several other items. The metal itself, the silver should be silver gilt of the cost of 10s. 6d. Putting the ribbon on, and putting the jewel together, left very small profit indeed for Mr. Spilling. They thought it was better to continue the Hall marking, and that it would be better to have an established jewel of some value, and the reduction of 10s. was all that they could undertake to have taken off. (Hear, hear.)

The report was then adopted.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, in the absence of Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, next brought up an appeal by Bro. Samuel Adolphus Roach, of the Hervey Lodge, No. 1788, Port of Spain, Trinidad, against a decision of the Colonial Board, upholding his exclusion by the lodge for improper conduct. The appeal, he said, introduced no new circumstances, though the papers were so voluminous that they would take half a day to read. The real statement on which the Colonial Board formed its decision had never been contradicted in any way. The Master of the lodge charged Bro. Roach with improper conduct, and destroying the peace and harmony of the lodge. The result was that he was excluded the lodge by five members voting for the exclusion; one brother was not competent to vote, being in arrear, and another brother being neutral. Under these circumstances, the brother being one who was constantly disturbing the harmony of the lodge, Bro. Philbrick and the Colonial Board said he ought to be excluded. Bro. Philbrick now said that this appeal to Grand Lodge had nothing new in it brought forward by Bro. Roach, and he having recommended to the Colonial Board in favour of the exclusion, the recommendation to Grand Lodge would be the same. He therefore moved that the appeal be dismissed.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, President of the Board of Benevolence, seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously, and Grand Lodge was closed.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF
DORSETSHIRE.**

The annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Dorsetshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Wimborne Minster, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., under the banner of St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 99. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, presided.

The reports of the Registrar and Treasurer of the province were received and adopted.

The P.G.M. addressed the brethren on the progress of Mark Masonry generally and in the province, and then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Sir R. N. Howard	Deputy Prov. G.M.
" H. F. Harvey	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. F. Hatchard	Prov. J.G.W.
" R. Patey	Prov. G.M.O.
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" F. Turner	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. W. C. Browne	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. B. Morgan	Prov. G.R. of M.
" W. J. Fletcher	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. Habgood (elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Butler	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. M. Evans	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. J. Brady	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. J. Mason	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Downs	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. H. Hibberd	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" R. Simmonds (elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together, the P.G. Master presiding, when the usual Masonic toasts were given.

HANOVER.—Freemasonry seems to have begun in the old kingdom of Hanover by the formation of a lodge at Harburg in 1744, by a "deputation" from the Lodge of Hamburg. On the 14th of January, 1745, the Lutheran Consistory objected to the entry of a preacher into the Brotherhood, and this opposition, which was kept up by some fanatics, hindered undoubtedly the first spread of Freemasonry. It is here that, in 1743, Luttmann, the Provincial Grand Master of Hamburg and Lower Saxony (E.C.), had conferred on one Simon the rank of D.P. Grand Master for Hanover; but it was not, apparently, until 1746 than an officer of the Hanoverian Guards, by name Mehmet von Königstein, founded a Lodge "Friedrich," called so after Frederick, Prince of Wales, under the authority of the Hamburg Provincial Grand Lodge. A Provincial Grand Lodge seems to have been established about 1755, and in 1828 this Prov. Grand Lodge became the Grand Lodge of Hanover. This lasted until in 1867, when, on the incorporation of Hanover with Prussia, the Grand Lodge was dissolved by royal order, and most of the lodges joined the Grand Lodge Royal York at Berlin. Some placed themselves under the "Three Globes." Many eminent Masons have come out of Hanover, and some of the lodges have distinguished histories, such as "Friedrich zum weissen Pferde," at Hanover; "Zum schwarzen Bär, at Hanover; "Pforte zum Tempel des Lichts," at Hildesheim; "Zum hell euchtenden Stern," Celle; "Zum goldenen Rade," Osnabruck; "Pythagoras zu den drei Strömen," Münden; "Friedrich zur Unsterblichkeit," at Stade; "Zum stillen Tempel," also at Hildesheim, and many more. At one time, 1868, the Freemasons numbered a little over 2000 members.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

DEAR SIR,

The post of Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green being now vacant, I desire to offer myself as Candidate for the same. I have been residing within one minute's walk from the Institution for the last four years, and am intimately acquainted with the working of it. I have the honour to submit Testimonials of my professional life, and to state that if I am honoured by being appointed to the post I shall always make it my best endeavour to work in harmony with my brother Officials.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very obediently,

R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S. Eng., &c.
Wood Green, N., July, 1889. Ewell, 1851.

TESTIMONIALS.

Devonport, 26th May, 1873.

This is to certify that Mr. Robert Francis Tomlin became my Articled Pupil in September, 1869, and remained with me till October, 1870. During this time he was attentive to his duties and his studies, very punctual in his attendance, and always anxious to please. He has been with me occasionally during the last three years, and I find he is prosecuting his studies with exemplary diligence, and gives proof of great ability and unremitting application to his work.

JOSEPH MAY,
Surgeon.

21, Grosvenor, Bath,

23rd July, 1889.

I am pleased to state that Mr. R. F. Tomlin acted as Assistant to my late father-in-law, Dr. Leahy, of Bridgend, during the year 1873 and 1874, and gave him every satisfaction. He considered him most skilful and attentive to his patients. The practice was chiefly amongst colliers, railway men, and iron-workers, so that his opportunities for surgical work were very great.

W. S. STABLES, L.S.A. (Lond.).

Becket House, Wantage,

23rd July, 1889.

Having known Mr. R. F. Tomlin most intimately for the last fourteen years, I can bear every testimony to his character and abilities, both professionally and socially.

After having been with me for four years as Assistant, he joined me in Partnership, and it was with deep regret that, owing to circumstances relating solely to myself, our connection had to be broken, and I need hardly say that he took away with him the hearty good wishes of a large number of patients, by whom he had been much valued for his kind and skilful services. He is thoroughly qualified for the post of Surgeon to the Masonic Schools, for which I understand he is a Candidate, alike by his kindness and industry, as by his professional knowledge and experience, and I feel quite sure in him the Governors will find a most painstaking and efficient Officer.

J. A. BALL, M.B. (Lond.),

Physician to St. Mary's Home, Wantage,
Consulting Surgeon to the Stockport Infirmary.

TO THE LIFE-GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The appointment of Medical Officer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys being vacant, I have the honour to announce that I am a Candidate for the office. My testimonials, which will be forwarded to the Committee, will show that I am duly qualified and registered, and that I have had considerable experience in the profession. To this may be added that I am resident within three minutes' walk from the Schools, where I have been practising for over two years. Should I have the honour to be elected, you may rely on my doing everything in my power to promote the health of the boys under my charge.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

J. E. H. STEPHENS,
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The case is a most deserving one, and I can confidently recommend it. Owing to paucity of Lodges, Districts like Malta are unable to command that assistance which home children derive from those admirable provincial associations which are now universal in English provinces.

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Yours fraternally,

M. RAMSAY, Colonel,
District Grand Master Malta and Past
District Grand Master Punjab.

Junior United Service Club, London, S.W.,
September 2.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CANON PORTAL.

It is proposed that the Friends of the late Canon PORTAL should show their respect for his memory by carrying out the scheme that he had most at heart, namely, the building of a PARISH READING and COFFEE ROOM in his parish of Burghclere.

Such a building would cost not less than £1000, and a small endowment would also be necessary.

A site has been kindly promised by the Earl of Carnarvon. Canon PORTAL was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and President of the Board of General Purposes; also Chief Founder and Chairman of the National Deposit Friendly Society. Contributions to the Memorial Fund are respectfully invited from those who hold in grateful remembrance the valuable services rendered by him to these organisations for so many years.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

The number of candidates for the post of Medical Officer to the Boys' School has been still further reduced to six. The elimination of names has been made principally on account of the candidates not residing sufficiently near the Institution to be available in urgent cases.

Those present at Grand Lodge on Wednesday evening will have noticed with pleasure that the Grand Secretary has returned to his work in excellent spirits, and with every appearance of renewed health and vigour, which, we trust, will be lasting.

Another lodge was added to the roll of the Province of West Lancashire on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when the Princes Lodge, No. 2316, was consecrated, in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of our ancient Craft, by Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.D. England, and P. Prov. S.G.W. West Lancashire. The event took place at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Princes-road, Liverpool, while the banquet in celebration of the proceedings was held at the Grand Hotel. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, and the new lodge which thus entered on its career so auspiciously has our "Hearty good wishes" for its prosperity.

We are surprised that so reputable and ably conducted a journal as *John Bull* should have hastily adopted the erroneous belief that Freemasonry is in any way, much less intimately, connected with the Revolution of 1789. The excuse it would offer for having accepted this idea would no doubt be the statement uttered by M. Floquet in a recent speech at a French provincial town, in which he explained to his audience that his presence amongst them was due to an invitation from Lodge Réveil to participate in the celebration of the great centenary of 1789. Such an assertion as this may pass current as gospel among Frenchmen and the enemies of our Society, but *John Bull*, had it chosen, might easily have learned the important truth that Freemasonry in its origin is essentially a non-political society, while the French Revolution was as essentially a political as well as a social Revolution. It is true that French Freemasons have adopted the device of the Revolution—"Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité." But that only proves that French Freemasonry is as unlike the real Craft as any one thing can be to its direct opposite.

The truth is—and our contemporary would have learned this from any passable authority on Freemasonry for the trouble of consulting one—that Freemasonry, even in those days and in France, had so little in common with the spirit and principles inculcated by the Revolutionary party that for several years after the Revolution broke out its lodges dared not meet together under the shadow of the Tricolour, and it was not till something like order had been restored in the French Republic that the brethren found courage enough to renew their meetings. Let *John Bull* read some of the speeches delivered by such leading members of our Society as the Earl of Carnarvon, and in particular the one he made in Grand Lodge at the installation of H.R.H. the Grand Master, and then our contemporary will at once perceive that, whatever it may be in France, Freemasonry has nothing whatever to do with Revolutions.

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It is evident that Lodge Tasmanian Union, No. 536, Hobart, is in an advanced state of prosperity, diligent in the performance of its duties, and jealous for the honour of the Society to which it belongs. Moreover, it appears to be the custom of its Secretary to issue an annual report of its proceedings and position—we judge so, at least, from a document with which we have been favoured, and which is headed "Secretary's Report to Lodge 536, E.C."

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This report conveys a very just idea of what is commonly known as a "Mulum in Parvo," for it comprises a full recital of the chief events of the past year, some very sensible advice on one or two matters of some importance, and a statement showing the numbers and pecuniary state of the lodge. Thus, as regards the advice it offers, after expressing regret "that the attendance of members at our regular meetings has not improved upon the preceding year," it refers to a suggestion lately made that lectures on Masonic subjects should occasionally be delivered at the lodge meetings, and expresses the hope that this course may have the effect of increasing the attendance.

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As regards the past year, it refers with pride to the visit paid by Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, to this his mother lodge, and his generous donation of £50 to the Lodge Charity Fund. It also announces that the Lodge of Instruction attached to it has been doing good work under the able instruction of Bro. E. O. Giblin, P.M., Preceptor. It further states that it is intended to propose that the services of a salaried Organist be engaged for the future, so that "increased interest and solemnity may be given to our ceremonies by the establishment of a regular choir."

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In respect of membership and funds "Tasmanian Union" is well circumstanced. It musters in all 108 members, while its assets are within a fraction of £660, "including," however, "arrears and dues from members of £107 15s." This is a large sum, and the Report expresses regret at the existence of such unpunctuality in payment on the part of some of the brethren.

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However, even with this and the previously mentioned shortcoming as regards attendance, "Tasmanian Union," as we have said, is in a prosperous state, and we cordially echo the hope with which the Report concludes, "that the year we are about to enter may be one of prosperity to Lodge 536."

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"Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," the journal of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, of which Bro. Speth is the able editor, has the following kindly notice of the *Freemason*: "On the 6th July the London *Freemason* issued its first Number of the 23rd volume, and commenced its 21st year of publication. No paper can possibly please everybody, and no doubt many of its readers would like to see more attention given to this or the other subject, which happens to be peculiarly interesting to themselves. We, ourselves, for instance, would like to see more contributions on historical and archaeological topics. But every candid reader will confess that the editor has manfully striven to cater for each in turn, and has been remarkably successful. As a Masonic newspaper it is far ahead of any that have ever come under our inspection, and this, after all, is its primary object. The new issue is much increased in size, and considerably improved in appearance; type, paper, and arrangement being alike of superior quality. We beg to congratulate all concerned."

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Given under our hands and Seals of our Band held in Dromore this the 8th of May 1851 and of Masonry 5851.

JOHN BRVSON, President.

Seals of seven Warrant Masters.

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W. J. H.

REPORTS OF LATE MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

Provincial Meetings.

JARROW.

St. Bede Lodge (No. 1119).—A meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 29th ult., under the presidency of Bro. R. W. Klyne, W.M. Bro. A. McDougall, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., proceeded to install Bro. Henry Soderberg as W.M. There were also present Bros. Renton, P.M.; Armstrong, P.M.; Solder, P.M.; Davies, P.M.; Witter, P.M.; Lax, P.M., W.M. 1274; Sutcliffe, 240; Chadwick, P.M., and Pittuck, P.M., of 1643.

The following officers were then installed: Bros. Klyne, I.P.M.; J. Robinson, S.W.; J. Chater, J.W.; Rev. P. W. Clarke, Chap.; T. Robinson, Treas.; A. McDougall, P.M., Sec.; J. Taylor, S.D.; A. G. Prince, J.D.; J. A. Witter, P.M., D.C.; Tate, Org.; D. W. Voss, I.G.; T. Ramsey and G. Rigby, Stewards; and J. Horner, Tyler. The P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was then presented by the W.M. to Bro. Klyne, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. R. W. Klyne, P.M., by the officers and brethren of St. Bede Lodge as a slight mark of their esteem for his service as W.M., 1889."

The company then adjourned to the Ben Lomond Hotel, where a repast was provided.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The first after-holiday meeting of the members of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was a large attendance of the Fraternity, the visitors including several brethren of note. The yearly two months' vacation in connection with the lodge is invariably followed by "election day of Worshipful Master," and this event gave increased interest to the gathering. The principal position was occupied by Bro. Harry Round, the W.M., and the Tyler's list also included Bros. O. W. Sanderson, P.M.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M.; W. Savage, P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M.; Lindo Courtenay, P.M.; Jas. Fineberg, J.W.; J. L. Shrapnell, P.M. and Treas.; H. Heard, Sec.; J. H. Light, S.D.; A. Mein, J.D.; Eaton Batty, I.G.; Barry Stuart and Jas. Heginbotham, Stwds.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Farrell, Charles Macdonna, Eustace Baxter, Edward Graham, Fred. D. Puchard, G. Douglas Clarence, Geo. W. Dobson, Henry C. Arnold, W. J. Lancaster, Samuel King, T. J. Irvine, Albert Smith, Peter F. Buck, John Holker, W. A. Whittle, W. Coates, Harris Fineberg, John E. J. Holmes, Walter Bramley, D. S. Davies, F. R. Atkinson, T. Mawdesley, Lewis Reake, and S. Mattison. The visitors were Bros. J. Maccabe and F. M. Maccabe (the Two Macs), I. Jacobs, James Elmore, Lawrence Phillips, B. Holgate, W. Sanderson, J. Roberts, Henry De Frece, Wm. Rawsthorne, W. F. McDonnell, J. Archdeacon, W. Follows, James P. Bryan, T. C. Fargher, and Thomas Bush.

After the transaction of the ordinary and preliminary business, the ballot was taken for Messrs. H. J. R. Round (son of the W.M.), G. E. Garlick, and T. W. Armstrong. They were unanimously elected, and subsequently initiated by the W.M. At a later period of the proceedings Bros. W. J. Lancaster and Charles Macdonna were duly raised to

the Degree of M.M. Then followed the annual elections. By the death during the year of the S.W., Bro. Dr. E. H. Allen, to whose death touching reference was made by the W.M., the voting for the Worshipful Mastership was more open than usual. The ballot resulted as follows: Bros. W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., 23; J. Fineberg, J.W., 7; and H. Round, W.M., 4. It should be stated, however, that both Bros. Round and Fineberg had intimated their withdrawal in favour of Bro. Sandbrook. Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; Bros. J. Reay and W. Savage, P.M., Auditors; Bros. H. Round, J. Cantor, J. Bell, J. B. Mackenzie, W. Savage, and O. W. Sanderson, Members of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence attached to the lodge; Bros. Mackenzie, Cantor, and Light, representatives of the lodge on the Masonic Hall Committee; Bro. Mackenzie, representative to serve on the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and Bros. Mein and Cantor to serve on the Casual Relief Committee. Bro. Round, W.M., then retired, and Bro. Mackenzie proposed a vote of a substantial sum from the funds of the lodge for the purpose of presenting the retiring Master, Bro. Round, with a P.M.'s jewel and apron in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had performed his exacting duties, and the geniality and courtesy which had characterised the whole of his conduct during his year's occupancy of the W.M.'s chair. This was seconded by Bro. Shrapnell, and carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and after the usual banquet, a choice and interesting musical and recitative programme was carried out by Bros. Lindo Courtenay, E. Baxter, the Two Macs, Eaton Batty, T. C. Fargher, H. C. Arnold, S. King, F. Puchard, W. Savage, C. Macdonna, and H. J. R. Round.

OKEHAMPTON.

Obedience Lodge (No. 1753).—The annual installation of this lodge was held on the 27th ult. at the White Hart Hotel, when Bro. S. Sloman was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. W. Gregory acting as Installing Master. The following officers were appointed by the W.M.: Bros. J. Newcombe, I.P.M.; J. Reddaway, S.W.; J. Wonnacott, J.W.; Burd, P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; J. C. Pierce, Sec.; W. Manuell, S.D.; W. Rowe, J.D.; W. Powell, I.G.; and W. Yeo, P.P.A.G.S., Org. Bro. W. Burd was elected representative on the Committee of Petitions.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, Host Leake catering in his usual excellent style.

In addition to the above, the following brethren were present: Bros. F. Pollard, P.M. 1284, P.P.G.D.C.; J. T. Knight, 445, P.G.S.B. North Hants; W. Gregory, P.M., Treas. 1254, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. S. Escott, I.G. 282; T. Symons, P.M.; C. Tucker, P.M.; J. Ellis, and Chas. Sandrey.

Mark Masonry.

Provincial Meetings.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Lodge of Industry (No. 293).—The labours of this lodge were resumed, after the Midsummer holidays, on the 2nd inst., with the prospect of plenty of work until the end of the present year. The W.M., Bro. Robert Whitfield, P.G.R.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. John Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. P. Carmon, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.O.; and M. H. Dodd, P.M. (T.I.), P.G.I. of Wks. The officers in attendance were Bros. W. Brown, S.W.; W. M. Lyon, as J.W.; Robt. Wilson, M.O.; W. Richardson, S.O.; A. Simpson, J.O.; J. A. Armstrong, R.M.; T. R. Short, Sec.; T. R. Jobson, S.D.; A. Dodds, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. A. Black and C. P. Laidler, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

The ballot was successfully taken for Bros. Thomas Lambert and C. A. Joel. Bro. Geo. Craighill (previously elected) being in attendance was duly advanced by the W.M., who explained the tools and gave the charge. Another candidate was proposed, after which the proceedings closed, and an adjournment made to the refreshment board.

WHITEHAVEN.

Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 30th ult.; Bro. Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.J.G.W., W.M., in the chair, supported as follows: Bros. W. D. P. Field, P.J.G.D., S.W.; W. J. Tyson, P.P.G. Org., J.W.; H. Burns, M.O.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., as S.O.; J. Casson, J.O.; W. H. Bewlay, P.G. Steward, Sec.; J. M. Clarke, S.D.; T. Brakenridge, P.M., P.S.G.O., as J.D.; D. H. Cook, P.G. Org., Org.; T. Mitchell, I.G.; R. D. Metcalf, Tyler; T. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. Gaffney, S. Broadbent, and J. Lawson.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Bro. G. Starkey, who was accepted and advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master in an able manner by the W.M.

With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned a short time for refreshments.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. Matthews, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; C. G. Wetzlar, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. Death, W.M. 511, S.D.; J. Cruttenden, J.D.; E. R. Buckwell, I.G.; W. J. Millington, Stwd.; W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141; A. Hardy, P.M. 201; J. R. Allman, C. A. Milnes, and J. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, Bro. Hardy being candidate. The traditional history was given. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro.

Battley was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A communication from Bro. Sims was read, expressing regret at his inability to attend owing to circumstances over which he had no control. The brethren decided that a letter be written to Bro. Right Rev. A. W. Sillitoe, Bishop of New Westminster, a member of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, congratulating him upon the honour that had been paid him by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in recognition of his Masonic services. A brother from St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 4, Johnstone, U.S.A., was relieved. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The opening meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. A. Wolter, W.M.; G. T. Chretien, S.W.; G. J. Barnett, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; H. B. Harding, D.; R. Loomes, I.G.; F. Stallard, and Moore.

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. Moore acting as candidate. Bro. Stallard answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stallard candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Chretien was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Fowles, W.M.; A. Clark, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; G. H. Foan, S.D.; R. E. Cursons, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; W. Hoggins, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Chilcott, R. J. Harnell, G. A. Bergholz, D. Stroud R. Kirk, R. E. Cursons, J. Frenguelli, J. Joseph, W. Russell, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. C. Fort having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. G. Reynolds presented Bro. P. M. Clark as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. A board of Installed Masters was formed. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers. The I.P.M., Bro. Fowles, delivered the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren in a clear and masterly manner. On rising for the second time, the W.M. for the ensuing week, as elected at the meeting held on the 22nd ult., who had appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. Fowles, W.M. of the Ebury Lodge, for the very clear and admirable manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. He had never seen or heard it done better, and it was an example for many to follow. Seconded by the J.W., and, after a few kind remarks from Bro. W. Stroud, carried unanimously. Bro. W. Fowles made a suitable reply, thanking the brethren for their kindness in giving him the opportunity to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Whereupon, Bro. W. Stroud proposed that Bro. W. Fowles, as a slight recognition of his ability, be made an honorary member of the lodge of instruction. Seconded by Bro. R. E. Cursons, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; Hillyer, S.W.; Knight, J.W.; G. Read, Preceptor; J. B. Cory, S.D.; A. J. Turner, J.D.; C. E. Betts, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M.; T. W. Heath, W. H. Neville, S. Sidders, F. A. Barth, and G. Swann.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Heath offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose the usual number of times. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. J. Davies, Preceptor, W.M.; P. Burton, P.M., S.W.; G. Higginson, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Cory, S.D.; Bick, J.D.; W. Jennings, I.G.; Lathbury, P.M.; Child, P.M.; Aslett, Helliier, Stanley, Woodard, Craggs, Ball, Cotton, Biggs, Jobson, Dusterwall, Nash, and Browne.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The lodge was called off and on, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Cotton answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Jolly was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. James Sims, P.M., W.M.; J. B. Cory, S.W.; J. Davies, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; T. Jobson, S.D.; W. H. Boulton, J.D.; T. W. Heath, Org.; G. Swann, I.G.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; W. C. Coplestone, H. D. Aslett, P. Skar, C. Woods, F. A. Barth, C. E. Everett, W. Hillier, T. W. Barth, and T. W. Biggs.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Everett offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a masterly manner by Bro. Sims. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the W.M., assisted by the Preceptor

and brethren. Bros. T. W. Barth, T. W. Biggs, and W. Hillier were elected joining members. Bro. J. B. Cory was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on Monday, the 23rd instant, by some well-known and able brethren.

ISRAEL CHAPTER (No. 205).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W., when there were present Comps. S. V. Abraham, M.E.Z.; E. H. Norden, H.; S. Lichtenfeld, J.; H. J. Phillips, P.Z., Preceptor; J. Harvey, Treas.; E. H. Norden, S.E.; J. A. Gartley, S.N.; N. Vallentine, P.S.; G. Deaton, and S. Pollitzer.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Lichtenfeld acting as exalte. The chapter was afterwards closed.

West Indies.

ST. THOMAS.

Harmonic Lodge (No. 356).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 7th ult. The attendance was a good one, there being, including visiting brethren, some 45 brethren congregated. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Eduardo H. Moron, I.P.M., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. William Isaacs Stobo, for the benefit of installation. The W.M., Bro. S. H. Toledano, then proceeded with the ceremony, and he kept up the reputation which he has attained by the ready manner in which he performed it. Subsequently, Bro. Stobo was, in a duly-formed Board of Masters, impressively inducted into the chair of K.S. The usual honours were paid to the newly-installed Master by the brethren, and the officers were appointed and invested, the Master appropriately and impressively addressing each officer.

The following are the appointments: Bros. S. H. Toledano, I.P.M.; J. N. Lightbourn, S.W.; C. A. Daniel, J.W.; A. Sasso, P.M., Treas.; Andrew Bonelli, Sec.; O. McConney, S.D.; R. Senior, J.D.; A. Vance, I.G.; M. E. Trepuk and A. H. Lockhart, Stewards; A. Senior, Org.; and Jacob Sasso, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Stobo, who has been installed for the present term, is a deserving member of the Craft, and the suffrage of the brethren could not have been better bestowed. He has filled the chair of S.W. twice, and has always been faithful and punctual in the execution of his duties. Of a courteous disposition, there is every reason to look forward to a good time under his rule.

The year which has just closed has been in more than one way a remarkable one for the lodge. The fine building upon which there rested a heavy debt, has been entirely, and we hope for ever, freed of this incubus; and there have been no less than 18 new links forged within its walls since last installation night. But there have passed away also four familiar faces, all within a short time of each other, the last one being that of a young member, the eldest son of Bro. Morgan, P.M. Withal, however, there is no room for discouragement, and we hope the unity and prosperity now enjoyed will ever continue.

India.

POONA (BOMBAY PRESIDENCY).

Orion in the West Lodge (No. 415, E.C.).—The installation meeting of the above, the premier lodge in Western India, was held on Thursday, the 17th July, at the Masonic Hall, and was one of the most successful held for many years. A large number of the brethren of the lodge, and of the Presidency generally, met to do honour to the occasion, his Royal Highness the D.G.M. having signified his intention of visiting the lodge, and the W.M. elect, Major G. P. Guyon, being most deservedly popular amongst all classes. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. Dickie, P.D.G.D., I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Lloyd, D.G.W., in England.

The following were among those present: Bros. R. Levingstone, P.M., P.D.G.S. of W.; G. F. Guyon, S.W., W.M. elect; J. McConachie, J.W.; F. J. Laville, P.M. 1122, P.D.G.D., Sec.; De B. De Lisle, S.D.; C. Farquharson, J.D.; J. B. Brown, Tyler; E. J. Bell, Captain P. Devitt, Captain A. Paget, W. J. Mawhood, F. W. Howard, Captain F. C. Ward, H. R. Bell, C. S. Wallis, W. Carter, J. L. Slade, A. G. Cazalet, and Captain A. M. Horrocks.

Among the visitors were Bros. Major F. Babington Peile, Sub-G.M. All Scottish Freemasonry in India; H. C. Macnee, P.M. 343 (S.C.); J. Turner, P.M. 343 (S.C.); Pallonjee Nusserwanjee, P.M. 343 (S.C.); W. Fearn, 343, P.M. 363 (S.C.); J. R. Morgan, P.M. 944 (E.C.); W. Allen, W.M. 475 (S.C.); G. D. H. Robottom, P.M. 475 (S.C.); P. Nelson, Dep. M. 343 (S.C.); T. Legal, Sub-M. 343 (S.C.); W. A. Wilson, P.D.G.S. Bengal; A. J. Gibson, 498 (E.C.); F. Stevenson, 415 (E.C.); J. H. Warrener, S.W. 343 (S.C.); W. Muskett and Dinshaw D. Khambatta, 343 (S.C.); J. Dwyer, 767 (E.C.); J. Hammer, 569 (S.C.); A. Bhal, 757 (E.C.); Lieut.-Col. H. L. Dundas, Major E. D. Newnham-Smith, C. S. Wiseman, H. G. Meakin, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. A. M. Horrocks was passed to the Second Degree. H.R.H. the District Grand Master was then announced and admitted, being attended by the following members of the District Grand Lodge: Bros. Harold King, Dep. D.G.M.; Hussey, P.D.D.G.M., D.G. Sec.; Cursetjee, W. R. Metcalfe, R. Levingstone, P.D.G.S. of W.; F. J. Laville, P.D.G.D.; C. Huard, J. M. Cursetjee, P.D.G.R.; J. T. Limpus, D.G.S.B.; Colonel Cayave, and Colonel Becher. Bro. Macnee played a grand march on the lodge harmonium as the procession filed in.

The usual honours having been accorded, the D.G.M. assumed the E.C., and made the usual enquiries. There being no response, H.R.H., on handing the gavel to Bro. Dickie, expressed his pleasure at the satisfactory state of the lodge, the efficient manner in which the Secretary's work had been performed, and the harmony and goodwill prevailing among the members. The business of the evening was

then proceeded with, and Bro. Dickie installed the W.M. elect in excellent form. Bro. Guyon then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. McConachie, S.W.; De B. De Lisle, J.W.; F. J. Laville, Sec.; C. Farquharson, S.D.; E. J. Bell, J.D.; J. W. Mawhood, I.G.; and J. B. Brown, Tyler. Bro. Dickie gave the usual addresses, and thus ended the ceremony. This brother was suffering from the effects of a recent accident, and is to be congratulated on the manner in which he got through the work.

The usual proclamations having been made, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered by many of the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large dining hall, and sat down to the banquet which had been provided.

The room presented a very pretty and cheerful appearance. The walls were tastefully festooned with leaves, and small silken banners were placed round and about the portraits of the Past Masters which hang on the walls.

The band of the 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry was in attendance and played a choice selection of music during the banquet.

There were about 80 brethren present. The W.M., Bro. Major Guyon, gave the first toast of the evening—"The Queen-Empress of India and the Craft"—which was drunk with Masonic honours, the band playing the National Anthem.

The second toast, "The M.W. the G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was received in like manner, the band playing "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The third toast, "The Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland," was drunk to the strains of "The blue bells of Scotland."

The fourth toast on the programme, "The District Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," was received with acclamation and drunk with the honours due, the band playing a lively strain familiar to all.

His Royal Highness, in responding to the toast, expressed great pleasure at being present on the occasion and at the reception accorded to him and the District Grand Officers. It afforded his Royal Highness much gratification to be present at a banquet at which he saw so many of different nationalities eating together. Bad health had prevented his Royal Highness in going about inspecting the lodges last year, and though he had visited Lodge Orion, he was not able to be present at their hospitable board as he was in deep mourning at that time, but he was glad he was able to do so that night. He thanked them again for the kind reception they had given him.

The fifth toast, "The Deputy District Grand Master and Officers of D.G.L.," was given by the W.M., who, in proposing it, said he was glad of the opportunity that night had afforded him of becoming acquainted with the District Grand Officers, and he was also pleased at the success of the inspection of the lodge. The District Grand Officers would always be welcome at the lodge he had the honour that night of being appointed Master; and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Harold King and W. B. Hussey.

In responding, Bro. King thanked all for the cordial manner in which they had drunk the toast. It was a great pleasure to the District Grand Officers to meet the officers and members of Orion, which, he believed, was the second oldest lodge in India, and had the tradition of being the foremost lodge in Western India. He had inspected the books of the lodge now three years in succession, and had found everything most accurately kept and in proper form. There was one thing he regretted that night, and which regret would be shared by all present, and that was the absence, through illness, of Bro. C. D. Wise. A Masonic function without Bro. Wise seemed to be incomplete, he was so completely identified with it. He was a tower of strength to Freemasonry, and especially to Lodge Orion, but there was no necessity to pass a panegyric, for all knew the inestimable value of Bro. Wise as a Mason, and his devotion to the Order which was second to none. Bro. King went on to say that the Masons in the Bombay Presidency were to be congratulated on possessing his Royal Highness as their Grand Master, who had the welfare of their Order so much at heart, and whose name was venerated in every lodge. He (Bro. King) was not present as quite a stranger, for the lodge had elected him an honorary member a year ago, which honour he much valued and was thankful for, and for the kind reception of the toast he was replying to.

Bro. Hussey, in responding to his name, remarked that there was nothing left for him to say after what had fallen from Bro. King, so he could not do better or say more than Amen to Bro. King's speech.

The next toast on the list, "The Worshipful Master," was given by H.R.H. the District Grand Master. His Royal Highness said he was sure the toast would be received with hearty response, and he congratulated the brethren on their selection, for, from what he knew of Bro. Guyon, no one could better promote discipline and good fellowship. Lodge Orion none could excel. He regretted Bro. Lloyd's absence, but he thought Bro. Guyon could not have been better installed than he was by Bro. Dickie, than whom there could not be a better Mason; and it gave him much pleasure to see the satisfactory manner in which Bro. Dickie had performed his arduous duties that day.

The toast was drunk with full honours, the band playing "For he is a jolly good fellow."

Bro. Guyon, on rising, was received with enthusiasm. He returned extreme thanks for the hearty way his health had been drunk, and was very sensible of the compliments that had been paid him by his Royal Highness. He felt it a great honour to be elected by the brethren as their Master, for he was but a young member of the lodge; but all might rest assured that nothing would be left wanting on his part to do credit to their selection, and to preserve and make over, unsullied, when the time came round, the trust which had been made over to his charge.

The next toast, "The Past Masters," was given by the W. Master, who coupled with it the names of Bros. Levingstone and Dickie, who respectively acknowledged the compliment in a few well-chosen phrases.

Bro. Hussey, in rising to give the following toast—"The Sister Lodge, St. Andrew-in-the-East," thought it was creditable to find two lodges under different Constitutions working so harmoniously together as they were doing in Poona. This was due in a great measure to the Past Masters on both sides, and he therefore could not do better than couple with the toast the names of Bros. Macnee and Turner.

Bro. Macnee, in replying, said it always gave him great pleasure to visit the Orion Lodge, and hoped that the concord which had existed for the last 15 or 20 years between it and

St. Andrew-in-the-East would continue to the end of time. He congratulated the members of the Orion Lodge on their excellent selection of Bro. Guyon as their ruler, under whose guidance he was sure it would shine brighter than ever.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by the W.M., who said he would always be glad to see visitors, and he hoped to see many of them members also. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Col. Cavaye and Col. Dundas.

Bro. Col. Cavaye replied, thanking the brethren for the honour done to the visitors, and he personally felt it a great pleasure to be present on that occasion, as the W.M. and himself were brother cadets.

Bro. Col. Dundas, in replying, said he felt he belonged to Lodge Orion. He had been a Mason 25 years, and he had great pleasure in being present that night, as Major Guyon was a brother officer of his own standing, and he thought he would follow his good example and support him by becoming a member of his lodge.

The next toast on the list—"The Officers, Present and Past"—was given by the W.M., who coupled with it the names of Bros. McConachie and De Lisle, who each responded in neat little speeches for the honour done them.

The Tyler's toast now only remained to be given. H.R.H. the D.G.M. did not, however, wish to close the festivities of the brethren, and the W.M. intimated that his Royal Highness would accordingly leave now, the Tyler's toast being given later on. H.R.H. the Grand Master thereupon took his departure, the brethren rising, and the band playing "God save the Queen" as he passed out of the room, accompanied by the Grand Lodge Officers. On his Royal Highness getting into his carriage the brethren with one voice sent forth three hearty cheers, which must have been very gratifying to his Royal Highness.

After his Royal Highness left, the festivities were continued. Many songs were sung, and a capital recitation given by Bro. Turner from the "Lays of India." There was also a native song given by a Parsee brother, and a Welsh song by a Welsh brother.

The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Browne, brought to a close one of the pleasantest gatherings held in the Freemasons' Hall at Poona.

One regret was felt by all present, as referred to in the speech of Bro. King, and that was the absence of Bro. Wise, whom all brethren wish a speedy restoration to health.

MARRIAGE OF BRO. W. FAYERS.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., the wedding took place at St. Jude's, South Kensington, of Bro. W. Fayers, Royal Commemoration Lodge, 1585, to Elizabeth Frances, second daughter of Bro. Thomas W. Heath, S.D. Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, 1642.

Amongst the numerous visitors who assembled to witness the ceremony were Bros. W. C. Williams, P.M. 865 and 1585; G. Swann, S.W. 865; J. Inder, 2012; A. J. Turner, 1767; and many Masonic and other friends.

The service was most impressively conducted by the Rev. T. Collisson, in the absence of the vicar. The bride was most handsomely dressed in white satin, with veil and wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Miss Fanny Heath and Miss Louisa Fayers, sisters of the bride and bridegroom.

After the ceremony the guests, numbering about 76, returned to 11, Earl's Court Gardens, and partook of breakfast, which was provided in the usual sumptuous manner so well known to those who have had the privilege of partaking of Bro. Heath's hospitality.

"The Health of the newly-married pair" was proposed by Bro. HEATH, and drunk in bumpers, after which the BRIDEGROOM proposed "The Health of his two fathers and mothers," which was received quite as heartily.

The presents which had been sent to the bride were about 70 in number, and were very valuable and handsome, and consisted of presents both useful and ornamental.

After the happy couple had departed for Bourne-mouth for their honeymoon, the genial host entertained the company with music and singing, whilst others found amusement in cards, &c.

The waiters were kept well at work in supplying refreshments both inside the house and in the gardens.

After dark the garden was beautifully illuminated with coloured lamps, Chinese lanterns, &c.; and so well did the guests enjoy themselves that it was midnight before the last visitor departed.

On Thursday evening Bro. Heath entertained about 40 of his oldest hands to a supper at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington. The chair was very ably filled by the host, and the vice-chair by Bro. W. C. Williams. Amongst the guests were Bro. C. B. Price, 1585; Bro. G. Swann, 865; Mr. C. Broom, and Mr. D. D. Heath. A very pleasant evening was spent, interspersed with toasts, songs, music, and recitations. Mr. W. Winsor presided at the piano, and Mr. J. M. Heath, jun., played several selections on the violin.

THE OLD ENGLAND MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The above Association met at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst. There are now 55 members on the books of the Association, and since its formation in September, 1888, nearly £140 has been subscribed, and will, in due course, be paid into the different Masonic Charities. In all probability 600 guineas will have been paid to the different Charities in the four years' existence of the Association, which terminates in September, 1891; in all, 14 ballots of 10 guineas each have been obtained by individual members. Two ballots were obtained on the 3rd inst. by Bros. S. G. Edridge and F. E. Brittain.

The Association was started and strongly supported by the members of the Old England Lodge, 1790, and each member takes a lively interest in the Association. Bro. W. Foulsham, P.M. 1790, is the President; Bro. F. T. Ridpath, P.M. 1790, Vice-President; and Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.M. 1790, Treasurer. The Committee consists of members belonging to various lodges.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM BRISTO.

There died on the 21st ult., at Broadstairs, after a lingering illness, this eminent brother, known far and wide in the Craft in London. He was the first Master of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, which was founded in 1870, and remained a member of it until he died. He was an admirable worker of the three Masonic ceremonies, taking especial care to impress the initiate with the importance of the step in life he was taking, and was the cause of many men entering the Craft who are now important members of it, and, in fact, he was the darling of any Society fate chanced to place him in. The funeral took place on the 28th ult. at Highgate. Standing around the grave were his only son, Bro. William Bristo; the W.M. of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, Bro. Cooper; also several of the Past Masters, including Bros. E. Wright, Maple, J. Percy Fitzgerald, Hegerty, Pope, and G. S. Ayres; the members being represented by Bros. Kuttner, Henne, Reid, Green, and others; also a large number of old personal friends, who came from long distances to pay the last sad tribute to their departed friend. The coffin was hidden from view by beautiful flowers and sprigs of acacia. Bro. Bristo was for many years chief cashier in the Law Life Office in Fleet-street.

BRO. ANDREW WALTERS.

Bro. A. Walters, one of the senior Past Masters of Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, Maryport, who has been in a very delicate state of health for the last ten years, died on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the age of 68, and what made it all the more sad, Mrs. Walters departed this life only a few hours before him, and in his feeble state it was considered prudent not to inform him of it. Our late brother had filled many offices of distinction in the Craft, having been a member for upwards of 30 years, a P.M. of 371, and in the year 1887 was made P.G.S.B., a P.Z. of 371, and P.P.A.G. Soj., and for the last six years has been Installing Principal, and it was a perfect treat to hear him do the work, which was nothing short of perfection. He was a P.M. of the Whitwell Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 151, and P.P.J.G.D. and S.D. of the W. M. Sewell Council of the Allied Degrees, No. 11. He took a great interest in the various Degrees of which he was a member, and was always ready to fill any office for an absentee when called upon, and his loss will be much felt. Our brother expressed a wish to be interred with Masonic honours, which was heartily acceded to, and the brethren of the Perseverance Lodge assembled on the Saturday following, at 1.30 p.m., supported by many visitors from nearly all the lodges in the West, viz., 119, 327, 872, 962, 1002, 1400, and 1660, and were formed into processional order by Bro. W. Stodart, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and proceeded to the house of the deceased, and from thence to the cemetery, headed by the Volunteer band playing the Dead March in "Saul." The Rev. Mr. Patterson, Presbyterian minister, read the funeral service in the church, our brother having been one of his office bearers for many years; and Bro. the Rev. T. W. Melrose, J.W. and Chap. to the lodge, discharged the Masonic duties at the grave, assisted by Bro. J. H. Raven, W.M. The procession was then re-formed, and marched back to the lodge room, when the lodge was closed. The following Prov. Grand Officers were present, viz.: Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.P.G. Chaplain; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Jas. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies; Thos. Mundle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Brown, P.M.; Thos. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Jos. Wood, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. J. Coverdale, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Robt. Leach, J. Reed, S. Bettoney, J. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; J. Messenger, P.P.G. Tyler; T. Dacres, T. Annison, J. Pattison, H. Bewes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Gaffney, J. Hodgson, J. Kendale, and others.

BRO. JAMES WEBSTER.

The *Forfar Review* records the death of Bro. James Webster, Depute Clerk of Session, Edinburgh, son of the late ex-Bailie Webster, Forfar, which took place in Edinburgh on Friday, the 23rd ult. Deceased, who was a native of Forfar, received his education at the Academy, and served his apprenticeship in the law office of the late ex-Provost Meffan. Proceeding to Edinburgh, he was immediately engaged as clerk to the late Mr. John Millar, advocate, who was afterwards Solicitor-General under the Conservative Government, and was subsequently promoted to the Bench as Lord Craighill. After Mr. Millar's appointment to the judicial chair, Bro. Webster acted for some time as Clerk to the Lord Advocate Watson, and he was subsequently appointed Depute Clerk of Session, an office which he has discharged with characteristic faithfulness and ability. Bro. Webster was an enthusiastic Freemason, and occupied an important position in St. Mary's Lodge, Edinburgh. Of a quiet and unassuming

disposition, he was well known and greatly esteemed amongst a wide circle of friends in his native town, to whom the announcement of his death will cause a feeling of profound regret. Deceased was between 50 and 60 years of age, and was unmarried. The remains of this highly-esteemed native of the town arrived at Forfar Station by the afternoon express on Tuesday from Edinburgh. A large number of leading townsmen were in waiting to pay their last respects to the deceased by taking part in the funeral cortège to the cemetery, the local Bar being well represented. A representative from the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was also present. Several beautiful wreaths surmounted the coffin, including one from the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel, No. 1), of which deceased was R.W.M.

THE LATE BRO. F. DELEVANTI, P.M.

On Saturday last, the 31st ult., the remains of our lamented Bro. F. Delavanti, P.M. Lodge of Asaph, and Organist of the Queen's Westminster, Earl of Carnarvon, and West Middlesex Lodges, were consigned to their last resting place in Hammersmith Cemetery. Amongst the brethren whom we noticed at the grave were Bros. J. Weaver, P.M., J. Chamberlain, P.M., E. Frewin, P.M., W. Tinney, P.M., and John Maclean, P.M., of 1319; G. Coop, P.M. 141, 1612, and 2021; Alex. Jones, W.M., G. Nugent, and E. Richards, of 2021; T. Pulman, and E. M. Lander, P.M., of 1642; J. Clarke, 1612; G. Gardiner, P.M. 1642, 2012; T. Cherer, 145; F. D. Smithie, 1567; J. Hambleton, T. B. Holmes, W. Corri, jun., Victor Tussaud, Joseph Tussaud, Frank Tussaud, Louis Tussaud, Babington Tussaud, J. Brockton, J. Jennings, J. Carter, and others.

No doubt the early hour at which the funeral was unavoidably fixed prevented a more numerous assemblage of brethren anxious to testify their lasting respect to one whom they all loved and admired. Bro. Delevanti had for many years enjoyed great popularity in Masonic circles, not only as being a most excellent worker and possessed of great musical talents, but also for his wit and geniality at the festive board. Ever ready to help a brother in time of need, his practical support and help was never appealed for in vain.

The immediate cause of his death was congestion of the lungs, accelerated by a chill caught while on a steamer returning from Margate the previous week; but his health, no doubt, had been giving way since his loss of employment in a firm with whom he had been engaged some 37 years. This occurred about six months ago, and since then our brother has been noticed to be less merry and light-hearted than of yore. His failing eyesight precluded him from obtaining another engagement. He leaves a widow and daughters without support, and on their behalf an appeal will be shortly made, when it is hoped his numerous friends will give it their hearty support.

INFLUENCE OF FREEMASONRY.

For centuries the Masonic Institution has shadowed forth with more or less distinctness the ideas of Equality, Liberty, and Unity. A Masonic lodge is itself a modern government—a government of law. The brethren, whatever distinctions divide them in the world without, are equal. The officers are elected by universal suffrage, and exercise their prerogatives for the general good of the Craft. Hence we find that Masons in all ages, and especially for the last two centuries, have been inspired with the loftiest ideas of social progress, and our Institution is designed to expand the human mind and to bless the human race.

Although the Masonic Institution cannot and does not mingle in the conflicts of political parties, or engage in conspiracies against the State or nation, it must, necessarily, by its great moral influence, affect materially the social and political progress of a people. For many years the Fraternity was the sole depository of the grand idea, which is now rapidly becoming the supreme thought of the present generation, that the people are the primary source of all sovereignty.

The strength of the Masonic Institution is based upon the purest principles of morality and philanthropy—principles which are as immutable as those that uphold the universe—principles upon which men of every country, sect, and opinion can unite—principles of pure benevolence, around which the cardinal virtues delight to cluster—principles that have enlisted the earnest attention of the wise and good of all ages. Masonry knows no distinction but as virtue, integrity, and moral worth may characterise the individual who may apply for its benefits and privileges.

It cannot be denied that the Masonic Institution infuses into the hearts of its members all those kindred virtues which elevate and adorn the character of man. It speaks a language which is understood and spoken by the Craft wherever dispersed, and it forms a common medium of communication among the brethren of all nations, kindred, and tongues. Let us not forget the teachings of an Institution which laid the foundations of society, and cherished and disseminated the elements of civilization.

It is part of the mission of the Masonic Fraternity to elevate the tone of the public morals, and to realise, in all the arrangements of life, a diviner sentiment of justice, a truer ideal of Charity, and more enlightened notions regarding man's relations to his fellow-man. It is a means of intellectual, moral, and social progress, and belongs to the great category of divine instrumentalities ordained by Providence for the advancement of the human race.—*N.Y. Dispatch.*



Mr. H. A. Jones must now regret the article he wrote in a recent number of the "Fortnightly" attacking the critics and criticisms of "First Nights," for his name, owing chiefly to the "firstnighters," has within the last few days become famous, and he has been placed by the much abused critics in the front ranks of dramatic authors. We do not think Mr. Jones can be so inconsistent as to object to first night criticism when it is adverse, and to appreciate it when it is favourable. The reception which "The Middleman" met on its first production and each evening since, as friends have told us, must have satisfied even Mr. Henry Arthur Jones. We were one of the few who praised his previous work, "Wealth," lately played at the Haymarket; we thought it a good play, and an improvement upon his "Saints and Sinners," which we also liked. "The Middleman" surpasses any of Mr. Jones's previous efforts in the way of construction and interest. There can be little doubt that for months to come the Shaftesbury will be flocked to by the theatre-going public. "The Middleman" touches a social subject now very predominant, but it does not solve it, so that those who thought that by its title they were to get at the solution of the sweating system quicker than the Royal Commission and the philanthropists may be disappointed. In "Saints and Sinners" Mr. Jones showed the bigotry and narrow-mindedness of certain religious sects. In "Wealth" he depicted what might ensue to a man of strong intellect who gave himself up, body and soul, to the hoarding of riches. "The Middleman" illustrates how one man may fatten and grow rich on the brains of another, but the author stops there; he leaves capital and labour and such vexed social questions to be worked out by others, for he has another side of his plot to work out. Probably, had the author only shown us Mr. Chandler a very common man, but a shrewd one, amassing wealth by giving Blenkarn a few hundred pounds for his patent, the play would have appealed to but a few; but when Chandler's son ruins Blenkarn's daughter the plot is turned into another channel, and on Blenkarn's struggle for revenge to lay low Chandler, the audience have a very fervent interest in following the play to its issue. A strong thread of domestic interest always tells on an audience. In the first act Joseph Chandler is discovered addressing the people of Tatlow from his drawing-room window as a candidate for Parliament, for he is wealthy, and probably—though the author does not tell us so—he began life side by side with Cyrus Blenkarn as a worker in the potteries. This Blenkarn has invented something for which Chandler pays him a sum, takes out a patent, and soon becomes purse proud. He places his son in the army, and desires to negotiate a marriage betwixt Capt. Chandler and Miss Umfraville, the daughter of a poor but influential baronet, who can be of use in Chandler's parliamentary ambitions. It appears that Blenkarn's daughter Mary is a great friend of Miss Chandler, and her brother has formed a strong attachment to his sister's friend, and, though he has dishonoured her, he wishes to make the best amend he can by marrying Mary. His father, finding this out, makes him join his regiment at once, and without giving him a chance of arranging with Mary. In the second act we find that Mary takes flight rather than face her father, who would soon learn her condition. It is only just to Captain Chandler to say he was written asking his sweetheart to join him in Paris that he may marry her, but this letter is intercepted by old Chandler. Blenkarn, on learning of the ruin of his girl, vows vengeance on the Chandlers, and calls heaven to curse them, and to make him rich in order that he may lay them low. In the third act we find he sacrifices everything to endeavour to re-discover the dormant art by which china may be made to stand the furnace. He is hopeful, though months have elapsed since he devoted himself to the task, but the thirst for vengeance keeps him at it. He is driven to extremities; no one will supply him with more coal, and his furnaces are getting cold. He breaks up chairs, tables, anything, and reaps his reward. The old art is found again. Chandler offers him money, but he will not sell his brains again. He keeps the secret to himself, and soon amasses wealth. Chandler, by speculating on the Stock Exchange, has become ruined, and is forced to sell Tatlow Hall, which Blenkarn purchases. In the fourth act, we see Chandler cringing before his former employé, begging him to give him a berth, but Blenkarn refuses. His hour has come. But, as we all learn in life, there is a great deal of humanity in human nature. Blenkarn, now that he has the opportunity, soon relents, and offers his late master a berth in his business. Colonel Chandler—for he has been promoted—is returning home laden with honours for the bravery displayed in Africa, and not knowing his father's adversity. The villagers are cheering him, and he enters Tatlow Hall to greet his father, when Blenkarn seizes him, for he has added to his villainy by bringing home a wife, but who, on being introduced, turns out to be Mary Blenkarn. The curtain falls without the audience being told where the couple had met, or when the marriage took place, for, if it had been some time ago, we think Mary a very undutiful and unkind daughter not to have set her father's mind at rest. Mr. Willard has made an excellent low villain, and an aristocratic one too, and now he shows that he is equally as good

an actor in sympathetic parts. It was not only the author's good work which took with the audience, but Mr. Willard's splendid acting as Cyrus Blenkarn, which is the grandest thing he has yet done. Mr. Mackintosh, as the Middleman, leaves nothing to be desired. Of the other parts there is not much to say, for there is not much to do. Mr. Esmond plays fairly well, but his attitudes are not those of an officer. Mr. Garden is good, but he is better in Adelphi pieces. Miss Maude Millett has such personal charms, that she carries all before her. Her pretty face, graceful manners, and *tout ensemble* make her welcome as Mary Blenkarn, otherwise she is quite unsuited to the part. She seemed to us insincere and never to feel what she had to do. In fact, when we heard that Miss Millett had to represent a girl wronged by a man we did not think the character one she could take. In comedy she is delightful, but pathos is not her forte. As the play progresses Miss Millett may be able to render the part with more genuine feeling. Miss Annie Hughes is also very weak in a small part. In the third act she has a chance, but she did not warm up to it. It is the first time we have seen Miss Hughes play indifferently. The kiln scene is a triumph of stage craft, and Mr. Willard is in every way to be heartily congratulated.

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Five big events are nearly due in the theatrical world, the re-opening of the Haymarket with "A Man's Shadow," a translation by Mr. Buchanan of "Roger la Honte;" the Lyceum with "The Dead Heart;" Drury Lane with the romantic melodrama, "The Royal Oak;" and the Adelphi with "London Day by Day," by Sims and Pettitt.

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"The Theatre" for this month contains an interesting article on "Stage Children," by C.H., on the moral and social side of the question. There are photographs of Miss Rose Leclercq and Mr. Bassett Roe, and the usual news of the month just past. The reprint of Mr. Clement Scott's criticism on "A Doll's House," from the *Daily Telegraph*, appeared in a recent number, as did a highly interesting article by him entitled "A Critic on the Criticised." The photos of Misses Olga Nethersole, Gertrude Kingston (who has lately become the wife of Captain Lay, of the Black Watch), Cicely Richards, Lottie Venne, and Messrs. Cyril Mande, E. D. Ward, and George Giddens also appears. Altogether, our contemporary more than keeps up its former prestige. It is one of the most useful journals on matters connected with the opera and drama.

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The new Gaiety burlesque entitled "Ruy Blas, or the Blasé Roué," the appearance of which had been so eagerly looked forward to, was produced at the Grand Theatre, Birmingham, on Tuesday evening, with a success which must be very gratifying to the joint authors, Messrs. Fred Leslie and H. F. Clark, the latter of whom is a nephew of Bro. G. Reynolds, the worthy Secretary of the Anglo-American Lodge. The plot is of little consequence in this class of performance, but the piece has been conceived admirably throughout. The music by Herr Meyer Lutz is enchanting, the chief strength being in the choruses; the dances are picturesque and lively, and the dresses both costly and beautiful. The theatre was crowded in every part, and the reiterated and hearty applause of the audience placed the completeness of the success achieved beyond all question.

Bro. Henry Wright, P.M. 1827, arranged a boating party last Sunday, which started from Paddington at 9 o'clock, where a carriage was reserved for Henley. Amongst those invited were Miss Norreys, Mr. Charles Terry, Miss Annie Irish, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyars, Miss May Whitby, Miss Margaret Terry, Mr. Walter Everard, Mr. Fred Terry, Mr. Henry Pugden, Miss Marie De Grey, Mr. George Terry, Miss de Pothonier, Miss Mary Kingsley, Miss Jessie Bond, Miss Helen Forsyth, and little Minnie Terry (Bootle's Baby). On arrival at Twyford, owing to an alteration of the trains, the party would have had to wait two hours for the Henley train, but the station master courteously telegraphed for a special train to be sent, so that the guests were all afloat at 11 o'clock. Sculling up to Sonning, in which the ladies did their share, luncheon was partaken of at the White Hart in a private room. After strolling about the pretty little village, the boats were again taken to and rowed down the Lodden, where tea was made on the bank, and Henley was reached just in time to catch the last train. Much regret was expressed that the day had come to an end, for every one expressed themselves as never having spent a pleasanter day. The weather was all that could be desired, and it was hoped that a similar party would be arranged another season.

Bro. Commodore H. Markham, of Arctic fame, who is about relinquishing the command of the training squadron, will succeed Rear-Admiral Lord Walter Kerr, as Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty—Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P.

There are many English noblemen among Australian landowners, the most noteworthy cases being those of Bros. the Duke of Manchester, Lord Brassey, the Earl of Carnarvon, who is the owner of property in the City of Melbourne and of an estate in Western Australia, and Lord Sherbrooke, who, when Mr. Robert Lowe, was a barrister at law in Sydney, and played a conspicuous part as a colonial politician.

TRUE MASONIC PROGRESS.

What progress have we made in all that is noble and praiseworthy?

"Progress" should be stamped on each life from its earliest infancy to its closing hour. The path of noble and worthy human living always leads upwards. "Excelsior" is the watchword of every true Mason.

The call is to advance; to overcome all obstacles; to march on to higher and nobler endeavours; to rise, even if need be, by making "of our dead selves stepping-stones to nobler things."

Well may we ask ourselves, "What is true progress in life?"

It has been said, "He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, and whose spirit is entering into living peace."

"It is an inward development, a larger and more accurate comprehension of truth, the disciplining and ennobling of our moral being by increased adversities and struggles." The more a man learns, the more he wants to know. The better a man is in this world, the better he is compelled to be.

The bold youth who climbed the rocky steep of the Natural Bridge in Virginia, and carved his name higher than any other, found it impossible to descend. His only alternative was to go on and scale the height, and find safety at the summit. So with all climbing in life. There is no going downward. It is climbing higher, or falling! Every upward step makes another needful, and so we must go on and upward, until Heaven is attained.

And Masonic progress means far more than the mere taking of many Degrees. It means far more than positions or honours.

The truly progressive Mason is faithful in whatever station he occupies. He appreciates Freemasonry in its social, its intellectual, and moral bearings. He makes progress by expressing more and more every day, by his life, the genius and spirit of the Institution; by illustrating in his daily conduct those eternal truths and moral precepts he had been taught at her altars; and above all by never failing to display at all times and in all places the crowning gem of Masonry—Charity, "that suffereth long and is kind; that envieth not; that is not puffed up; that beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

Such a Mason makes continual progress along an ever-brightening way, gathering new lessons and fresh acquisitions as the years go by.

Let us each one to-day, as we look back upon our lives during the last 12 months, ask ourselves, "Have I made such progress?" And if in this retrospect we see many a broken purpose, many a misspent hour, many a rash and ill-advised action, many a golden opportunity neglected, let us not be down-hearted, or despair! "Let the dead past bury its dead!"

The future, with all its golden possibilities, is before us! The present, with all solemn responsibilities, is upon us!—*Keystone.*

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

GREEN.—On the 4th inst., at 10, Winchester-place, Highgate, the wife of Bro. Neville Green, of a daughter.

FRAMPTON.—On the 1st inst., at Cheltenham, the wife of Edward Frampton, Esq., of a son.

SHAFTO.—On the 31st ult., at 9, Palmeira-square, Brighton, the wife of Slingsby Duncombe Shafto, Esq., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

NAIRNE—EDWARDS.—On the 2nd inst., at Kingsbury Church, Middlesex, by the Rev. Spencer Nairne, Vicar of Latton, Essex, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. Raymond Edwards, brother of the bride, the Rev. Alexander Nairne, Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, to Ethel, only surviving daughter of the Rev. Lambart Edwards, Vicar of Kingsbury.

SMITH—CLARKE.—On the 3rd inst., at St. Dionis, Fulham, S.W., Charles, eldest son of James Smith, of Orwell, Cambridgeshire, to Beatrice Ruth, second daughter of James N. Clarke, of Fulham.

DEATHS.

ARTINDALE.—On the 31st ult., at his residence, 17, Grosvenor-road, Scarborough, owing to an accident, Thomas Frederic Artindale, J.P., and of Burnley, in his 46th year.

CLIFFORD.—On the 3rd inst., at Cloonlurg, Slough, John James Clifford, M.D. Edinburgh, late Surgeon-General 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers.

GOODDAY.—On the 1st inst., at Harold Wood, the Rev. James Goodday, last surviving son of the late Rev. William Goodday, for many years Vicar of Terling, Essex, aged 65.

SARTORIS.—On the 2nd inst., at 22A, Cavendish-square, Maurice Urban Sartoris, Esq., aged 21.

General Sir Evelyn Wood gave orders on Wednesday for a third working party of 500 men from the 3rd Brigade to march to Bisley the following day to be employed on the new ranges of the National Rifle Association.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 11th inst.

It is announced that Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe will preside at the annual meeting of the training ship bearing his name, the time and place for the gathering being to-day (Friday), and the Guildhall, Plymouth.

By the recent death of Lord Addington—better known as the Right Hon. J. G. Hubbard—Bro. the Hon. E. Hubbard, M.P., enters the House of Lords, and a vacancy in the representation of Buckinghamshire occurs.

Barnet fair commenced on Wednesday, when it was found that there was a larger show than usual. Not so many sales as might have been expected were effected, buyers apparently holding back for a fall in prices, which ruled somewhat high. The fair will close to-day (Friday).

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead and the Lady Mayoress have been travelling in Scotland, and early during this week the Queen entertained them at luncheon at Balmoral, and afterwards received them in audience. His lordship is expected to return to the Mansion House to-day (Friday).

Parliament was prorogued on Friday, the 30th ult., by a Commission, of which Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), the Marquis of Lothian, the Earl of Coventry, Bro. the Earl of Limerick, and Lord Knutsford were the constituent members, the Queen's Speech being read by the Lord Chancellor.

The final match in first class county cricket was brought to a close on Friday, the 30th ult., at Beckenham. The counties engaged were Notts and Kent, and after an exciting match, in which fortune showed herself particularly fickle, Kent succeeding in beating her formidable opponent by four wickets.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, accompanied by Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., and other friends, left Charing Cross by tidal train on Tuesday for Folkestone, whence they crossed by the Albert Victor for Boulogne, and continued their journey to Paris, where they intended spending some time in visiting the International Exhibition.

The festival of the choirs has been held this year at Gloucester, and has been well attended, the improvement in the numbers attending having been considerable. Dr. Hubert Parry's oratorio, "Judith," was performed under the direction of the composer, and was followed by Rossini's "Stabat Mater." In the evening, "The Last Night at Bethany," a church cantata by Mr. Lee Williams, cathedral organist and conductor, was performed. The cathedral was crowded in all parts.

The Bournemouth Regatta was held in splendid weather on Tuesday, and proved a great success. The Deerhound won the prize of £21 for yachts. The Senior Pairs for the South Coast Championship Shield was won by the Southsea men, Cowes being second, and Bonchurch third. The Senior Fours was secured by Shanklin, Bournemouth being second, and Cowes third. J. Gamble, Bournemouth, won the Senior Sculls, Southsea the Junior Pairs, and Bournemouth the Junior Fours.

The members of the St. Aubyn Chapter, No. 20, of the A. and A. Rite, held their annual meeting on the 30th ult., at the Broughton Hall, Devonport. Frater F. Crouch, the M.W.S. elect, was installed. Frater J. Allen, P.M.W.S., was the Installing Officer, assisted by Frater C. Watson and T. Goodall, P.M.W.S. The officers invested were Frater F. Adams Davison, P.M.W.S.; F. T. W. Curtis, R.N., Prelate; W. G. Watson, 1st G.; W. H. Gillman, 2nd G.; C. Watson, Treas.; T. Goodall, Recorder; J. Allen, M.; T. W. Payne, Raphael; F. Woolland, C. of G.; A. Verdi, H.; C. Newton, Org.; and W. Henderson, Equerry.

Bro. Chapman's volume of Dr. Metham's "Masonic Orations," just published, is being exceedingly well received and supplies a long felt want. For clergymen, as well as Prov. and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters, and all interested in "Consecrations" and "Dedications," the addresses will be most welcome, and the handsome book has only to be seen and read to be appreciated. The edition is limited to 300 copies, and, as nearly all have been subscribed for, those still desiring copies should apply at once to the publisher, Bro. George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, from whom the work may be had at 5s. each. Bro. Hughan's introduction, giving a history of the Craft in Devon and Cornwall, is alone worth the sum asked for the volume. The net proceeds will be devoted to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, Devonport, which represents the life work of Dr. Metham, and has lent a helping hand to many a deserving Masonic widow and orphan.

The memorial-stone of the new Masonic Hall, Stromness, will be laid with Masonic honours, according to the usages of the Craft, on the 11th inst. It is expected that a number of the brethren from Kirkwall, Lerwick, Wick, and Thurso will be present, along with the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The members of the local lodge are making arrangements for a grand procession on that occasion. The Masons will meet in the Town Hall at 12 o'clock, where a procession will be formed, consisting of the Freemasons and the members of the volunteer corps, headed by the brass band. After marching through the town, the ceremony of laying the memorial-stone will be performed; the procession will again be formed, and marched back to the Volunteer Drill Hall, where a cake and wine banquet will be served. The brethren from a distance will return again at 3 o'clock with the mail steamer St. Olaf.

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.

The Prince of Wales, who has been staying at Homburg for some weeks, and has greatly benefited by the change of scene and rest, left for England on Wednesday, travelling *via* Ostend.

The National Dahlia Society hold their show at the Crystal Palace to-day (Friday) and on Saturday. Lovers of dahlias may expect to find one of the finest displays to be seen in the kingdom.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., arrived on Wednesday, at Machynlleth, where his lordship is the guest of the Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry, widow of Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. G.M. Durham.

We are asked to announce that the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction, No. 753, will resume its meetings on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, at eight o'clock, when brethren, particularly those at that end of London, are invited to be present.

A monument is to be erected over the grave of the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, Bro. Rob Morris. Lodges and brethren are contributing. Contributions may be sent to Bro. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at Louisville. The object is a worthy one.—Keystone.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, President of the Board of Trade, has intimated to Mr. Grotrian, M.P., his intention of attending the meeting of the Associated Chamber of Commerce at Hull on the 19th inst. The right hon. gentleman has also accepted an invitation to the banquet in the evening.

Mr. Harding, of Piccadilly, has arranged for a special night balloon ascent, under the auspices of the Balloon Society of Great Britain, when he will be accompanied by M. Ernest Grisot. It is intended to make a series of observations and sketches of the scenery of the earth under the harvest moon. The ascent will take place from Olympia on the first favourable opportunity near the period when the moon is full.

The Exhibition does not appear to have ruined the Paris theatres, as managers at one time feared. On the contrary, it has poured money much more freely into their coffers than its predecessors in 1867 and 1876. During the month just closed, the receipts at the Paris theatres amounted to 2,485,483 francs, compared with 1,869,563 francs in August, 1878, and 1,295,802 francs in 1867. These figures would need a good deal of twisting to bring out "Ruin."

The departure of the *Alerte* on her treasure-seeking expedition has naturally excited great interest and curiosity, especially in Southampton. Although there are only four paid hands in the crew, there are no less than eight "gentlemen adventurers," including Mr. Meredyth, Mr. Holden, Mr. Powell (11th Hussars), Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Pollock, M.A. Whether the expedition be successful or not in bringing back the anticipated wealth, it is at least certain that Mr. Knight has made an arrangement with a firm of London publishers to produce an account of his adventure.

A meeting of representatives of Chambers of Commerce from Leeds, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Barnsley, Cleckheaton, Halifax, Halifax, Wakefield, Bradford, Morley, and other places was held at Leeds on Wednesday to consider the proposed railway rates. It was agreed to inform the railway companies of the readiness of the West Riding Associated Chambers to meet them at their convenience to confer upon the classifications. The West Riding Chambers also decided to join the Mansion House Association for the purpose of appearing by counsel in resistance to the proposals of the railway companies.

The annual Masonic sermon was preached on Sunday last to the brethren of Dalmeir St. John's, No. 543, in St. James's Parish Church, Clydebank, by the Rev. Bro. Robert McLellan, of Inchinnan. There was a very large turnout of Freemasons in the Masonic Hall, Dalmeir, and the lodge being duly opened by Bro. Samuel Crawford, R.W.M., the brethren marched to Clydebank, accompanied by deputations from Prince of Wales Lodge, Renfrew, Paisley, Partick, and Whiteinch lodges. There was a handsome retiring collection towards the Benevolent Fund.

THE GOULD FUND.—The following sums have been recently received:—Harcourt Preceptory, £1 1s.; Lagos Lodge, No. 1171, £2 2s.; Lodge Perfect Unanimity, No. 150, Madras, £10 10s.; Victoria Lodge, No. 2196, Barbados, £2 2s.; and donations have arrived from the following brethren: Bros. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; K. L. Christianson, Penang, P.D.G.W. Eastern Archipelago; Robert Berridge, P.G.D.; David Kalakaua, 33°, King of the Hawaiian Islands; John Owen Dominis, 33°, Governor of Honolulu; and S. Stacker Williams, Past Grand Master, Ohio, U.S.A. Further donations are invited, and will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.

New York continues to be agitated about its chance of getting the International Exhibition of 1892. Chicago and St. Louis also press their claims; but a much more serious rival is to be found in Washington itself. A canvass of members of Congress, especially from the South and West, brings out the fact that many of them think it should be managed by the National Government, and of course paid for out of the National Treasury. In fact, it now appears that "wires have been laid" with this in view for years past, and that New York may find itself, in the words of the old saying, "a day too late for the fair." This leaves but one thing for that city to do, and it must be done before the question comes up in Congress. It must show that it can carry on the exhibition without more help from the nation than Philadelphia got in 1876, and that it already has the money in hand for the undertaking. And it must satisfy Congress that it has a suitable site for the buildings. This last is a very difficult point in view of the contracted site of the city. It is here that Washington and Chicago have the advantage, and nothing but a full purse will balance it.

SCIENCE (EXTRAORDINARY).—TERREY'S "HOUSEHOLD PURIFIER" (Registered) for Universal Purposes.—Acts like magic. A strong and pleasant Disinfecting Fluid for Sanitary Use. Treble the Disinfecting Strength of Carbolic. A new and valuable Discovery has been made in the manufacture of this Fluid, there being no Sediment. Dissolves at once in Water, making a Milky appearance. Where this is used all Infectious Diseases are kept away. Sold by Chemists, Stores, Grocers, Oilmen, &c., in 6d. and 1s. bottles, or in gallons 4s., delivered free. Is. charged for cans (returnable).—TERREY BROS., 55, Chester-street, Kennington.—ADVT.

A series of torrential rainstorms and floods in the Southern Provinces of Russia has isolated several villages by making the roads impassable.

The Great Yarmouth herring fishers have made an early and promising start with the autumn fishing. Already a good number of excellent catches have been landed.

Nearly 4000 passengers left the Mersey, on Wednesday, by the three large Teutonic, City of New York, and City of Rome for New York, a number never carried before by three steamers in one day.

The Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry has received a letter from the Princess Beatrice, written since her arrival at Balmoral, in which her Royal Highness expresses the pleasure she had derived from her visit to Barmouth, and expresses a hope that it may not be very long before she has an opportunity of renewing her acquaintance with Wales.

The funeral of the late Lord Addington took place, on Wednesday, at Addington. The service was fully choral, and in addition to the family mourners, who were very numerous, were Lord Napier and Ettrick, Sir John D. and Lady Hay, Lord Beauchamp, Mr. Stewart Grenville, M.P., Sir Harry Verney, the Mayor and Corporation of Buckingham, deputations from several institutions, and the whole of the tenantry. The coffin was covered with wreaths.

Messrs. Donald Currie and Co.'s Royal Mail steamer Roslin Castle has beaten all previous recorded fast runs from England to the Cape of Good Hope by arriving at Cape Town at seven o'clock yesterday morning. This packet, which left Dartmouth on the 16th of August, was detained at Lisbon from 9 p.m. on the 18th to 5 p.m. on the 19th waiting for the overland mails, and also called at Madeira on the 21st, which detentions, deducted from the gross length of her passage, leave a net steaming time of 17 days 13 hours.

The Duke of Connaught will return to England in the spring, after giving up his command at Bombay. His route will be by way of Hong Kong, Yokohama, Vancouver, and the Canadian Pacific Railway. The object of the selection of this route is at once to enable him to complete the journey round the world, to emphasise the possibility of it as an alternative road to India, and to enable him to inspect this important military work. It is almost certain that shortly after his arrival the Duke will be found some important home command, which in Ministerial circles will be regarded as practically the stepping-stone to the Commandership-in-Chief.

M. Herman Fol reports to the Académie des Sciences the result of the researches that he has been making in the depths of the Mediterranean during the summer months, his object having been to certify how far daylight penetrates. His operations have been carried on in water of remarkable clearness between Corsica and the shores of the Alpes-Maritimes, at a distance of 18 geographical miles from the nearest land. M. Fol used gelatino-bromide plates, exposed during ten minutes, whereby he has found the limit of daylight in those waters to be at a depth of 1518 feet (465 metres). This is 327 feet short of the limit assigned to daylight in the Mediterranean by the Germans, Chun and Petersen, some years ago.

In Bro. Parvin's recently printed report on the Masonic library of Iowa, we find a vigorous appeal in behalf of that instrumentality, which has done so much for the dissemination of Masonic information and knowledge generally, and whose interests are ever near the heart of the librarian. Bro. Parvin truly says: "Get money, get office, get what you may, unless you get knowledge of the Institution of Freemasonry, of its symbols, its history, its laws and principles, with its ritualistic ceremonies—without this knowledge you may be a Mason in name, and yet no more a Mason than the insignia you wear; for in these latter days men are known as Masons more by a pin, charm, or badge, than by their intellectual attainments in Masonic literature. It is only where ignorance exists that pretences can prevail over true and loyal institutions.—Keystone.

Major-General Sir Francis Grenfell, who so recently and so brilliantly defeated the invading force of Dervishes at Tosko, has arrived in England, and on reaching Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, the residence of Mr. Pascoe Grenfell, met with a most gratifying reception. The streets of Beaconsfield were profusely decorated with flags, and at the entrance to the park was a triumphal arch of evergreens and flowers. The carriage containing General and Lady Grenfell was met on entering the town by the local band and a mounted escort of members of the Grenfell family, and conducted to the middle of the town, when the usual address of congratulation was presented. In returning thanks, General Grenfell spoke in high terms of the Egyptian troops now that they are officered by Englishmen, during the recent campaign. In the evening there was a display of fireworks in Wilton Park, which the inhabitants of the neighbourhood were invited to witness.

Mr. Edward Laman Blanchard died at his London residence on Wednesday. Mr. Blanchard was born in 1820, and he was the son of William Blanchard, a distinguished comedian, who, for 38 years, was one of the leading favourites in the old Theatre Royal Covent Garden. His son became at a very early age a contributor to dramatic and miscellaneous literature; and, ere he was 25, edited a publication called *Chambers's London Journal*. In the early days of *Bradshaw*, Mr. Blanchard also compiled several descriptive guides for the great hierarchs of railway timetables. It was to his facility and dexterity in the composition of the openings to Christmas pantomimes that Mr. Blanchard owed much of his dramatic success, and found his greatest acceptance not only among managers, but from the audiences of Old Drury, especially among that most important section of the spectators of Yuletide entertainments at the National Theatre—the children.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Notable Facts.—Intense heat augments the annoyance of skin disease, and encourages the development of febrile disorders; wherefore they should, as they may, be removed by these detergent and purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affections, pains and spasms of the bowels, Holloway's Ointment well rubbed over the affected part immediately gives the greatest ease, prevents congestion and inflammation, checks the threatening diarrhoea, and averts incipient cholera. The poorer inhabitants of large cities will find these remedies to be their best friend when any pestilence rages, or when from unknown causes, eruptions, boils, abscesses, or ulcerations betoken the presence of taints or impurities within the system, and call for instant and effective curative medicines.—ADVT.