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BRO. T. W. TEW AND THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

Every one will be glad to know that Bro. T. W. TEW, the respected Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, whose health has been very seriously affected for some short time past, has happily made some slight progress towards recovery, but his medical advisers have declared it to be absolutely necessary that he should take "entire rest from business," as it is only by adopting this course that he can "hope to resume, at a not unreasonable date, his accustomed position" amongst his West Yorkshire brethren. Under these circumstances he has, in accordance with the provisions of Article 84, Book of Constitutions, "formally appointed his W. Deputy, Bro. HENRY SMITH, to act in his place, and has commanded" that officer "to inform the brethren, through the W.M's. of their respective lodges, that all the powers and authority of his high office are, during his illness, vested in his Deputy." We most sincerely trust that the rest which Bro. TEW will thus obtain will ultimately bring about his complete restoration to health. Bro. TEW is among the most capable and energetic of Provincial rulers. He succeeded to office in 1885, after an experience extending over 10 years as Deputy of the late Bro. Sir HENRY EDWARDS, Bart., P.G.M. He must, therefore, during this long period of 16 years, have acquired an experience of West Yorkshire Masonic affairs which it is given to few men to obtain. His has been no perfunctory administration. He has made it his chief aim to become familiar with the condition of all the lodges in his province. As Deputy Provincial Grand Master, that no doubt constituted the principal part of his duty, and we know that he fulfilled it most conscientiously. As Provincial Grand Master, however, he might, had he been so disposed, have contented himself with a general supervision of the province; but instead of doing this he has been as strict and conscientious—and, as a matter of course, more competent—in the discharge of his important office, as when he occupied the subordinate position. Nor has he been content with merely ruling those placed under his authority. He has been, indeed, their "guide, philosopher, and friend" at all times and under all circumstances, and we are not exaggerating when we state that few men could or would have acquitted themselves with the same untiring energy, the same ability, the same kindness and consideration towards those under his charge, and as efficiently as Bro. TEW. Our West Yorkshire brethren, however, have this to console them during the temporary—and let us hope it will turn out to be the very brief—absence of their chief. The conduct of their affairs will be in the hands of one who is thoroughly conversant with the duties and responsibilities which for the time being have been entrusted to his charge, namely, Bro. HENRY SMITH, the D.P.G.M., who, like his worthy chief, is a consistent observer of *Punch's* famous injunction, "When you want a thing done well, do it yourself." He, too, knows our West Yorkshire brethren, and under his temporary guidance we have every confidence that the affairs of the Province will be conducted in the same spirit and with almost the same success as if Bro. TEW himself were conducting them.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE.

It was only in December of last year that Berkshire was fully organised as a province separate and distinct from its worthy associate and neighbour, the county of Bucks, and its present Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of CLARENCE and AVONDALE, had the honour of being installed in office by his illustrious father, the M.W.G.M. Yet even in the short time that has elapsed the Province has been able to establish an excellent record. It has but the small number of 13 lodges on its roll, and yet in February it raised £146 3s. 6d. for the Old People, while in May it followed suit with £98 14s. for the Royal Masonic

Institution for Girls, and in June with £140 3s. 6d. for the Boys' School at Wood Green. These figures give a total of £385 1s. contributed towards our three Masonic Charities during the brief period the new régime has been in existence. We may rely, therefore, with certainty on Berkshire maintaining and even extending the reputation as a diligent and regular supporter of our Institutions which it enjoyed when it formed part of the late Province of Berks and Bucks. As regards the less evident work which is done by the lodges within their own lodge rooms, the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. J. W. MARTIN, was in a position to render a most satisfactory report at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Newbury, as reported in our last week's issue. The appointed duties had been well and regularly discharged in all cases, while in respect of numbers and monetary circumstances, there was every reason to be satisfied with the returns of membership which had been handed in to the Provincial authorities. We shall, therefore, avail ourselves of the opportunity of tendering our warm congratulations to the brethren of Berkshire on the present state of the Craft in their newly-organised Province. They are extremely fortunate in having the eldest son of his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER to preside over them as Prov. Grand Master and safeguard their interests. They are similarly fortunate in having such zealous and able Masons as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master—Bro. JOHN T. MORLAND—and Bro. J. W. MARTIN, to whom allusion has already been made as Prov. Grand Secretary, for their chief executive officers; but very much of their present prosperity is due to their own exertions in attending lodge, and looking studiously after the interests of our Institutions. Nor must we omit to add a word or two of commendation in respect of the services rendered by the Provincial Grand Secretary. He has worked hard and successfully, and thoroughly deserves the testimonial that was presented to him at the recent meeting at Newbury. We trust that the result of next year's annual gathering will prove as gratifying.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY AND CONCORDANT ORDERS.*

THIRD NOTICE.

In this work we have not merely an addition to the literature of Masonic Templary, but a treatise in itself. Not simply a book, but a library. New matter to a large extent is profusely spread before us, and valuable information too, which has been anxiously desired by numerous students for many years past. The Degrees extra to our English Grand Lodge system have been more especially a *terra incognita* to most brethren, and the fine volume now given to the Craft, is a distinct advance on all previous works of the kind.

The Royal Order of Scotland, the Order of the Temple, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and the Cryptic Degrees, it is needless to say, are known historically but to only few brethren indeed, most meagre and scant knowledge being generally available.

The History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders, if only to treat authoritatively upon these subjects, would be a boon to the Craft, and its authors deserve our gratitude. A somewhat novel and striking feature is that the editors or contributors have appended their autographs (in *facsimile*) to their several articles, which was the happy suggestion of Bro. Stillson, Editor-in-chief. The idea of the publication itself must be credited to the Fraternity Publishing Company.

We look through the pages, and not in vain, for the signature of one brother, whose name for nearly three decades has been a household word amongst us as an indefatigable writer, worker,

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and explorer, and above all a man of facts and of stern and rigid adherence to the truth—Bro. Hughan.

It will be observed by the title-page that Bro. Hughan is the European Editor. A search throughout the Old World would not bring to light a brother better qualified to fulfil the duties of such an honourable position. Whether dealing with history, archæology, statistics, ritual, or in fact any department of the vast domain of Freemasonry Bro. Hughan seems equally at home. His usual versatility is displayed in a readable article on the Craft in Australasia and New Zealand under the heading of "Grand Lodges of the Southern Sun." Bro. Hughan sketches the rise and progress of what were once small seedlings from the old English stock, but which now have attained the size and vigour of mature growth. But in noticing the activity and zeal which have characterised our Colonial brethren we must not fail to recognise that graceful and kindly, we may say natural, solicitude displayed by the Grand Lodge of England, in regard to the wishes and interests of her children who have shown themselves desirous and able to set up house for themselves. We hope that the happy feeling with which the parent separated from her now independent offspring will never be disturbed.

It is rather a striking fact which Bro. Hughan notes, that the first regular lodge in Australia was planted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland (1820-23.) He tells us also that "the oldest existing lodge was chartered under English auspices in 1828." In New Zealand there is a little ruffling of the surface, but we venture to think *the surface only*. Success to those who now labour for order, harmony, and peace! In Bro. Hughan's article headed "Statistics of Freemasonry," he lays before us a series of facts which have the merit of not only being valuable in themselves but the first of the kind attempted. The foundation of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland are each noticed separately. The writer then proceeds to classify the figures bearing on the number of lodges, &c., formed and in existence down to a recent date. These two pages of information alone must have needed no little labour, patience, and skill in compiling—are we asking too much of our industrious brother to favour us by extending his figures to 1890 in the later and corrected edition which is now preparing.

To even touch upon the various excellencies of the "History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders" would require space beyond the available limits of this paper. Suffice it to say we can but refer the reader to the work itself.

The instructive chapter on "The Morgan Excitement," written by Bro. J. B. Anthony, is a welcome contribution on a very painful matter, and has been so ably treated, that it appears to be the final word on the subject. Among the many beautiful and interesting plates are views of American Masonic Temples, which will come like a revelation to many of us in the Old Country. When we speak or hear of American Freemasonry, we have in mind zeal, activity, untiring vigour, and we naturally look for creditable buildings in which our cousins hold their gatherings. But these are something more than homes for lodges; they are superb palaces! Let all those who love the Craft and its lore, and who look for knowledge beyond their own limited horizon secure this most readable book, and examine and peruse it for themselves.

WM. WATSON, P.M., P.Z. (Le eds).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A Quarterly Court of this Institution's Subscribers and Governors was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. G. Everett, W. A. Scurrah, H. Massey, J. Terry, W. Masters, F. R. W. Hedges, A. A. Pendlebury, W. H. Lee, N. Green, H. Sadler, W. Dodd, W. Lake, A. W. Bourne, G. Hutchinson, W. H. Saunders, G. Corble, and J. M. McLeod (Secretary).

After the reading of the advertisement convening the meeting, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Court on Friday, April 10th, and the reading of the minutes of the Council meetings of May 2nd, June 6th, and July 4th,

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, Vice-Patron, moved "That Law 89 be expunged." Law 89 is as follows: "The Council are authorised to appropriate a sum not exceeding £20 for the benefit of any boy who has left the Institution, if found deserving, and if they are satisfied that there is a fair prospect of his obtaining by such aid the means of permanent provision." Bro. Scurrah said it might be remarked that these laws had only recently been revised, and the question might be asked, "Why go altering the laws so soon?" But he would say this—that if they found a by-law was unworkable and contradictory in itself, it was far better to deal with it at once, and alter it than allow it to remain. He had no doubt it was within the knowledge of all present that formerly, under the old administration, boys were granted £5 for the purchase of a suit of clothes if they were of good behaviour after leaving the Institution for a certain time, and that was done

under this law. Under the present management this had been brought up; repeatedly applications had been made for an amount for a suit of clothes for a boy, and it had been ruled that that did not come under this law, and it had been refused. As facts were always the best things to go upon, he would mention two cases that came up in April last, which showed the contradictory nature of this by-law. In the first place, an application was brought up by the friends of a boy named Figgis for a grant of £20 for his apprenticeship, and it was considered that that came under this law, that by his being apprenticed to a good trade there would be a fair prospect of his obtaining a permanent income by-and-by, and therefore this £20 was granted to him. Another application was brought up immediately after this by a poor woman named Simpson, who applied for a certain amount of money towards the boy's maintenance. She stated she had endeavoured to find and had raked up sufficient money to apprentice her boy, and he had been apprenticed to a certain trade, but she now found herself penniless, and she wanted some aid to maintain the boy during his apprenticeship. There was a long discussion on this subject occupying half-an-hour, but the application was eventually refused, inasmuch as it did not come under the Law 89. He (Bro. Scurrah) contended, however, that it came as much under Law 89 as the case of Figgis. The poor woman had begged, borrowed, or scraped the money up for the apprenticeship, and then afterwards she asked for something towards the maintenance of the boy. Therefore, he said, when they found such a contradictory by-law as this, it was far better to do away with it, because it caused dissatisfaction among the friends of boys who left the Institution. One got the £20, another was refused; and they said "There is some favouritism; that boy was thought better than I; because I want £5 or £10 to assist me I cannot get it." He thought it was far better that this law should be expunged altogether rather than that it should remain in its present state. Some of the brethren might say—"If you expunge this law it will be impossible to assist a boy in future; if they want a few pounds you cannot give it them." He, on the contrary, said: "If you expunge this by-law you can assist them, because By-Law 45 it was stated "No motion for a new law, for the suspension, abrogation, or alteration of any existing law, or for a grant of money, or for an expenditure exceeding £500, shall be made at a Quarterly or Special Court, unless notice thereof shall have been given at a previous Quarterly Court or Council, and advertised by the Secretary in the Masonic papers," and so forth. By that law the Council had the power to grant any sum of money provided it did not reach £500, and if they found a boy leaving the Institution required some assistance, by that law they were empowered to grant him any sum of money they liked. He could mention circumstances which had occurred in which such things had been done. If they did away with this law they could, if so disposed, give any sum of money to a boy who had left the Institution. Those two cases he had quoted that came before the Council in April were proof of the badness of Law 89. There were many others he could quote, among them being one that the Secretary had read in the minutes of the Council meeting in May.

Bro. BOURNE seconded the motion, though on totally different grounds from Bro. Scurrah. He thought the law should be abolished.

Bro. MASTERS thought the law in question determined the amount the Council should appropriate to a boy. If it was left to Law 45, it was put in the hands of the Quarterly Court.

The CHAIRMAN: No, you could not do that.

Bro. MASTERS: Then if that is so I do not make any observation on the motion.

The CHAIRMAN said the cases cited by Bro. Scurrah showed the strength of the rule. They also showed how much it might have been carried out improperly in time past. They showed clearly, moreover, that the rule itself was as good as it could be. To his mind nothing was stronger than the reasons Bro. Scurrah had given, viz., where a mother whose boy had been in the Institution applied for money to apprentice the boy for the purpose of giving him the means of further provision in the future which she had not, the Council could give it. In a case where she applied for a suit of clothes because the boy was in a situation it was no reason at all. But where the power to give up to and not exceeding £20 for the purpose of making further provision was a proper one there was no objection to it. It was a nonsensical proposition that the law should be abolished because in one case £5 for a suit of clothes had been refused. He had been chairman on several occasions when grants were asked for, and he had put the question to the Committee whether they were satisfied there was a fair prospect of the boy obtaining by the grant a means of permanent provision. In a case where the boy was to be apprenticed it was a clear case; but where he was already apprenticed and wanted a suit of clothes, it was not, for he had got his means of permanent provision. But as for Bro. Scurrah calling attention to Law 45 it was very strange, for there was no allusion whatever in it to these grants. According to Bro. Scurrah, by Law 45 they could vote any sum of money up to £500. That would not bear investigation; the rule said they should not do it beyond £500. It did not apply at all; it meant something else that they should do if legal; it would be perfectly illegal to vote £499 to a boy or the friend of a boy; it did not apply to this case. The rule stood on its own basis, and it was well drawn. It had been misapplied in past times. There were cases in which they might give £10 for the benefit of a child to apprentice him, say, on board ship, if the case was a deserving one.

Bro. SCURRAH, with all due respect to the Chairman's ruling, insisted that the rule he had pointed out—45—distinctly said the Council could expend any sum of money in any way or shape they pleased, but beyond £500 they must go to the Quarterly Court.

The CHAIRMAN: And if we vote £499 to you we could do it?

Bro. SCURRAH: Yes; but I have not been in the School; "or for a grant of money, or for an expenditure exceeding £500, shall be made at a Quarterly or Special Court"—leaving it to be inferred that anything under £500

the Council has power to grant. Do you mean to tell me that if it was found necessary to spend £400 for repairs the Council has no power to do it?

The CHAIRMAN: Of course they have.

Bro. SCURRAH: For any purpose?

The CHAIRMAN: If notice has been given.

Bro. SCURRAH: I am not talking about notice being given, or not being given. I say the Council have the power.

The CHAIRMAN: The rule does not apply.

Bro. SCURRAH: I am sorry to disagree with your ruling. I should like to test it on some future occasion. And, again, it is said by you that this law is clear.

The CHAIRMAN: It is possible.

Bro. SCURRAH: How is it then that we had so much discussion on this point at our Council meeting when this question was brought up? One boy was granted £20, and another wanted something for apprenticeship. I mean to say this, it is as much towards permanent provision if a boy is apprenticed to give a boy a suit of clothes who has to go with a ragged suit of clothes. I say it is as much for his benefit to give him a suit of clothes as to pay for his indentures. It is very hard to give one boy £20 and refuse another who wants £5 for a suit of clothes. If the law is to be carried out in this way it ought to be abolished, but if it is not abolished it should be altered so as to enable the Council to give to a deserving boy any sum of money for his benefit.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, Grand Treasurer, said when he saw Bro. Scurrah's notice of motion he was in favour of it, because he thought there was some other rule by which the Council were able to do something for a deserving boy even if this Law 89 was expunged. But when Bro. Scurrah referred to Law 45 he (Bro. Everett) agreed with the Chairman that it did not apply. He agreed with what Bro. Scurrah had said about the late action with regard to Rule 89; they were too strictly legal in the matter. They had several legal brethren on the Board of Management; perhaps they had to congratulate themselves upon it; but he thought they occasionally took too strictly legal a view of these things. Here was a woman who managed to apprentice a boy by means of scraping up all the money she could; she tried to do all this without appealing to the Institution, but having done that, and got the boy apprenticed, she found she had so impoverished herself that she could not get on, and then she asked the Institution to do something for her. The Council said—Oh, no; they could not; if she had come before apprenticing him, and it was a permanent provision for him to be apprenticed, and she had not paid a sixpence herself, they could have voted her £20; but if she had already apprenticed him they could not do anything for her. It was hard that in one case £20 should be awarded, and in the other that nothing at all should be awarded. But he would be sorry to see this rule expunged, and he was going to make an appeal to Bro. Scurrah not to press his motion to-day. They might make some alteration in the rule, but to expunge it altogether he thought very undesirable indeed. If Bro. Scurrah pressed his motion, he (Bro. Everett) should vote against it.

Bro. GEORGE CORBLE thought the rule was quite wide enough to carry anything—whether to apprentice a boy or to buy a boy a suit of clothes. There were exceptions to all cases, but he thought they might leave the interpretation of the rule with safety in the hands of the Council.

The CHAIRMAN said if Bro. Scurrah had put his motion in another form he should have supported it. He had come to the Court with the intention of voting for the abolition of the law. But as Bro. Scurrah had put it he could see that the rule was satisfactory. When he had presided at the Council meeting he had never taken upon himself to say he was satisfied there was not a fair prospect of a boy obtaining by the aid of a gift the means of permanent provision; he had always left it to the Council to say. He put to the Council two questions—Is the boy deserving? If deserving, are you satisfied there is a fair prospect of his obtaining permanent provision? The answer to the first might be yes, and to the second no. The rule was good enough. It might appear hard in some cases.

Bro. BOURNE said after the Chairman's argument he should withdraw his seconding of the motion.

Ultimately Bro. Scurrah withdrew his motion.

On the motion of Bro. MASTERS, seconded by Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, the Court resolved, on the recommendation of the Council of July 4th: "That 19 boys be elected at the Quarterly Court on Friday, 9th October, 1891, from an approved list of 37 candidates."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

STONEHENGE—WHY WAS IT BUILT?

Bro. H. R. Shaw, of Lodge No. 1949, has contributed the following Article to the *Banner of Israel*:

A mysterious building is that of Stonehenge, one of the largest, and by far the most accurately planned and best executed of the English so-called Druidical temples now remaining in existence. In the brief remarks now proposed to be placed forward, it is not intended to discuss either the personality of the actual builder of Stonehenge, or the period of its erection, but rather, taking for granted the commonly accepted view that our Druidical British predecessors did erect the structure somewhere between the years 500 B.C. and 500 A.D., to show that from the internal evidence of the stones themselves in regard to their position, shape, and dimensions, the builders must indubitably have been Hebrews and Israelities, either emigrant or outcast from their native land, and who, whilst perhaps adhering outwardly to some form of Baal worship, yet here sought to record their knowledge of, and perhaps repentance and turning towards, their Heavenly Father, the true Lord God of Israel, by expressing the holy name Jehovah or Jah, as is proved to have been done by the architect of that other and more mysterious building, the Great Pyramid in Egypt, in factors of inches such as are now in use in this country and its dependencies, but not elsewhere.

The writer has been led to these observations by a recent visit of inspection of the grim-looking and ruinous old stones standing near the centre of Salisbury Plain, upon a barren plateau that apparently has never known cultivation, or given sustenance to anything like tree or bush; followed by a perusal of a small book written by Mr. W. M. Flinders Petrie, and published

by Stanford, Charing Cross, 1880, containing an account of his own survey of the buildings just previously; and more recently still, by noticing an account of a lecture delivered at the rooms of the Royal Society on June 17th last, by Professor Norman Lockyer, from which it appears that observations were intended to be made simultaneously upon Salisbury Plain and among the temples in Upper Egypt at the summer solstice, with a view to show that these structures were oriented purposely to record the true length of the year by reference to the summer sunrise upon the longest day of the year.

With regard to this latter point, there can be no doubt that the building of Stonehenge was oriented for observation of the midsummer sunrise; and as such does seem to savour rather more of Baal worship than of aught else, for we have good authority for regarding this kind of astronomical observation as one of the most inexact that can be made—far inferior to that of the Great Pyramid, whose astronomy was meridian, and at the greatest height possible above the horizon, and therefore, in principle, the most exact.

But it will be perhaps desirable to describe Stonehenge, with its surroundings, before pointing out its Hebrew characteristics, and for this purpose, we cannot do better than turn to Mr. Petrie's book of plans and measurements, in which he declares that, whilst dealing with theoretical considerations of its date and origin, his object has been more to state facts than theories, and, indeed, he seems to have succeeded in doing this most impartially, leaving his readers to theorise for themselves. Stonehenge, then, which, according to Mr. Petrie's observations, was constructed at different periods, consists first of a circular bank of earth, with a ditch surrounding the same, whose inner or smallest diameter is 3595 inches, and whose outer or largest diameter is 4495 inches. A couple of banks forming a straight avenue lead from this circle for a long distance in a direction pointing roughly to the midsummer sunrise. Upon this circular bank occurs a pair of tumuli, also a pair of single stones, placed there, as Mr. P. says, contemporaneously with the large outer circle of Sarsen stones, which circle measures 1167.9 inches in diameter, which he recognises as 100 Roman feet, but which it is pretty safe to declare, could not in the present state of dilapidation be distinguished from 1162.6 inches, equal to one-fifth the height of the Great Pyramid, and coincident with the 36th course of that building, or 10 times the length of its ante-chamber, and, more important upon the present occasion, being expressive of the fact that the circle itself, at the rate of an inch for a day, counts for 10 solar years, or 3652.4 inches or days. It is important to note that Mr. P. does not claim this circle to be Roman work because of these alleged Roman feet, since he says that this unit of 11.68 inches was the great Etrurian and Cyclopean unit originally derived from Egypt (as doubtless it must have been).

The workmanship of the stones being roughly and imperfectly executed precludes the attempt to discriminate anything like a unit of measure upon an individual stone, but of the intention to make a solar year circle counted by inches, there seems to be little doubt, while the number of the upright stones, 30, at once suggests the quinto-sextuple character of the name of Israel's God, so often referred to in these pages. This outer circle of Sarsens is crowned with a series of lintel stones, which, when complete, must have been also 30 in number. They are fitted with mortises which drop upon tenons on the upright stones, and it is curious that Mr. Petrie gives the average distance apart of these tenons as 34.3 inches, or exactly the depth of the Coffin in the Great Pyramid, whence, supposing these distances to have been designed as such, and not merely accidental, then the sum of the entire 30 spaces gives 1030 inches, or ten times the length of the Great Pyramid Ante-chamber granite floor, or precisely the quantity required for squaring this very circle by area instead of boundary.

Within this circle occurs another circle of smaller stones, called the outer bluestones, which are deficient in number, and which circle does not appear to have been completed; the design, however, is clearly traceable, and the diameter, says Mr. P., may be anything between 900 and 920 inches. So we may say very probably 913 inches, or one quarter of the Sarsens circumference, or one-tenth of the socket length of the Great Pyramid base.

Within the bluestones occur the largest and most important stones, viz., the trilithons, five in number, which are not on a circle, and the scheme of whose placing is somewhat obscure. As their designation implies, they consist each of three stones, two placed upright, and supporting an impost; their size is gigantic, rising from 20 to 24 feet from the ground to the tops of their imposts, the largest and most conspicuous being placed opposite to the doorway—that is to say, it was once so placed, but it is now wrecked, the impost and one of the uprights fallen to the ground, half burying the so-called altar-stone, while the other upright has become the picturesque leaning-stone of the sketch-books. But it has been quite a labour of love with Mr. Petrie to estimate the original and precise position of this trilithon, and also its intended use, and he announces that the builder contemplated taking his stand upon midsummer morn just behind these stones, and looking between the uprights straight through the middle of the doorway, and over the peak of the Priar's Heel Stone, some 3400 inches away, when he would, if he were of average height, with eyes about 65 inches above the ground be just in a position to mark the solstitial sunrise at about the period of 730 A.D. with a margin of error of 200 years more or less, for, as before observed, this method of astronomical observation is the least exact that could be devised.

But we are not intending to discuss the date of erection, but rather what passed in the inner mind of the master builder; and even here we perceive (as we think) by Mr. Petrie's unconscious testimony, that an Israelite exile was turning his thoughts, if not exactly his eyes, towards that pleasant land and its glorious temple, of which he had heard, or perchance may have seen. Or, even it may be, a son of Ephraim was saying to himself, "What have I to do any more with idols? I will arise, and go to my Father." At any rate, whether he planned his circle with Roman feet or British inches, he made the entrance doorway, or object glass of his telescope, just of the width of two sacred cubits of the Temple of King Solomon, &c., &c. (50 inches is Mr. Petrie's measure), while the slit between the uprights of his trilithon, which is about the same as the breadth of the peak of the Heel Stone, was only 13 inches wide—that is to say by Mr. Petrie's estimate, and since the stones in falling have slewed considerably, we are sure he would allow that this estimate might admit of correction by less than a quarter of an inch, or say 13.23 inches,

which is the precise little difference observed in the Great Pyramid ante-chamber paving stones when squaring the circle of the solar year by boundaries and areas respectively, and which in this circle at Stonehenge gives one-tenth of the difference between the diameter of the Sarsens circle and the sum of the tenons distances $(\frac{1162'6-1030'3}{10}) = 13'23$.

Many other of Mr. Petrie's observed dimensions are very interesting, and seem to point to a certain unity of design, if not of execution, in this monument or temple; but we must only now stay to consider the indications of the name Jah, the contracted form of the name of Israel's God as revealed to Moses, and, of course, only discoverable here by the number 15 contained in that name when written in Hebrew; for Mr. Petrie dwells upon the fact of the total absence of all inscriptions at Stonehenge—not even a cross or symbol of any kind of religion whatsoever being detected there.

The oldest part of the work—viz., the outer earth circles of bank and ditch—shew, as we have seen, evidence of diameters that differ from each other by 900 inches exactly; and from comparison with other neighbouring features—viz., tumuli and barrows, their radii, diameters and distances apart, also some parallel banks of his own discovery—Mr. Petrie concludes for a unit of 225 inches as near as may be, and this he declares to represent ten times what he calls a prehistoric mean unit of 22'51 inches, probably of Phœnician origin.

As regards the earth circle, which is to all intents and purposes an outer court of this temple, we observe that its 900 inches of double breadth is precisely the number of inches (formed either from 10 x 9 x 10 or 25 x 36) found in the outer courts respectively of the Great Pyramid and the Israelite tabernacle and temples (see BANNER for 1890); the breadth indeed of the broad ring itself, which measured 450 inches across in every part of the circumference, answers exactly to the height of the shafts of the two great pillars which ornamented the porch or outer court of King Solomon's temple, the renowned Boaz and Jachin, which were 18 cubits high apiece, and whose *conjoined* heights of 900 inches consequently—expressed in mathematically squared form alike the five and sixes in the name of the everlasting God of Israel (5 x 6), and also the prospective coalescence of the two sticks—viz., the yard of 36 inches and the cubit of 25 inches representing Israel and Judah respectively; while the celebrated pillars are also represented in very good emblem by the two outlying stones placed in carefully accurate position as a pair upon this very earth circle. When we come to deal with the somewhat large alleged unit of 225 inches we at once perceive that it may be compounded of five English ells, although more probably it means nine sacred cubits; but it certainly answers accurately to a memorial in inches of the name Jah, because it is the squared quantity of the Hebrew number contained in that name, 15 times 15. And that this view of the builder's intention is probably correct is proved by a further observation of Mr. Petrie of the two outlying stones placed near the earth circle as a pair, contemporaneously, he thinks, with the stone circle, and the distance apart of whose inner faces measures by original estimate 3376 inches, or *fifteen* of Mr. Petrie's units; that is to say, granting an inch of correction to what is only an estimate and say 3375 inches, and we find these important stones mark a diameter in inches of 15 x 15 x 15.

To sum up, it seems that the building was designed by a master mind, but was executed by people who were deficient in material resources, lacking both labour and stones sufficient to carry out the architect's full intention, which was to memorialise the true course of the solar year and the name of the God of Israel secretly, by means of the inch measure derived from the earth's own axis, and imparted to man's knowledge originally, it cannot be doubted by the Creator Himself. It is a remarkable circumstance that none of the non-Israelite nations of old seemed to have grasped the fact of the scientific value of the inch, which is now found in sole custody of the British people.

They could observe what were evidently important surface quantities of inches and divide them by two or three, or the number of their fingers, as in the case of the Roman foot derived from the Great Pyramid Ante-chamber length; and even in modern times we find the cultivated French people making the same mistake of devising a unit, by sub-division of a portion of an imperfect circle boundary, instead of standing mentally at the centre of the circle and using the radius line for that purpose. But in this, as in some other matters, doubtless, it is true that the Lord showeth His Word unto Jacob only.

24, Ludgate Hill, E.C., June 22nd.

PARADED MASONRY.

There is some talk of making a Masonic exhibition at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893. Talk is cheap, and we see no particular objection to the zealous brethren who are interested in such a show talking to their heart's content, but we protest against it assuming any tangible shape. What have we to show? A machine for branding. An aged, long bearded, savage goat. A slippery pole with brethren ascending and descending. A valiant knight,

"Armed at point exactly, cap-a-pe."

A R. A. M. with red banner of zeal. What of all these shall it be?

The Columbian Exposition is to celebrate a great event in the world's history that occurred four hundred and one years—pity it was not an even four hundred—before. It commemorates the name and exploits of a bold seaman in those primitive days, who braved the dangers of an untravelled sea and the hatred of a mutinous crew, and proved the existence of a country toward the setting sun. It will be made up of the coributions, more or less great and more or less interesting, of the whole world. There will be comparisons between the dead past and the wonderful active, living present. It will show the advancement that has been made in science, in literature, in art, mechanics, and all that goes to make up the great world of to-day. No one can reflect for a moment upon the magnificent achievements of man in the past few centuries without being amazed at what has been accomplished and wondering what will be in the future. The fact is, the world has just been born.

In all this magnificent result Freemasonry has shared its part. From a few travelling bands of accomplished builders, whose labours have astonished the world, and whose great structure have been the admiration of the cen-

turies, has grown the most powerful organization in the world. An army of builders, erecting temples more lasting than that of Solomon, more enduring than the Pyramids of Egypt. In the erection of these buildings, there is not heard the sound of axe, hammer, or other tools of iron; but the still small noise, builds stone upon stone, until "holiness to the Lord" is emblazoned upon the capstone of a completed temple of purity. We have no longer in our Society any use for the tool of iron—we are not operative Masons, as that term is understood, but speculative. We do not build temporal, but spiritual houses.

What has Masonry to put on exhibition along side of the Corliss Engine? What have we to parade for competition with the progress made in physical science? One good brother suggests that the literature of Freemasonry be gathered into one large bookcase to show how much has been written upon the subject. Suppose a wing of the great World's Fair building were set apart for that purpose, and all the cedars of Lebanon were made into one vast case therein, and samples of everything that has been printed upon the subject of Masonry was exhibited, what would be the effect upon the curious world of profanes who would walk through the labyrinth of Grand Lodge proceedings? They would wonder what ghost stories were hidden within those cases. Those who expended a sober thought upon the subject would say "What fools these Masons be." Then in another section of this great building might be shown the progress made in the aprons worn.

The embroidered and painted lambskin of a century ago, all bespangled with sun, moon, and stars, has evolved through several stages until to-day the plain "linen" lambskin is worn by the brethren, and the "genuine" gold-laced, gold-tasselled is displayed by the dignitaries of the Craft. So has the lambskin progressed. Then we could show the progress made in the size and shape of the implement of power. We could also parade the improvements in the square and compasses. All this might be very interesting, but what good would it do? Would it not be a better exhibition of the true progress of Masonry to take the money that would be expended to make an exhibition at the World's Fair, and give it toward the endowment of the Masonic Home at Chicago, or the extension of the usefulness of the Masonic Library of Iowa? The fact of the matter is, there is too much money expended in parading Masonry. It is a great Institution, and its security in the past has been in "the attentive ear, the instructive tongue and the faithful breast." If we had granite quarries to sell, or pine forests to dispose of it might be well to ask the world to look upon our great advantages, but the great charity we dispense to our fellow men needs not such flagrant parading. To us it is as the Pharisee, who boasted that "he was better than other men."

Let the dignity of the Fraternity be sufficient to protect it against so unwise and foolish an exhibition. We do not need it.—*New York Dispatch.*

MASONS' MARKS.—Mr. George Godwin, the eminent architect and able editor of the "Builder," was, though a non-Mason, one of the first to point out the existence of Masons' marks on all ecclesiastical and great national buildings. Others have written about them in England and Germany, Scotland and America; and Bro. E. W. Shaw for many years devoted himself, as we have before remarked, to a patient study of them, and remarkable collection of them, many thousand in number. His view was simply that they were the marks of the various Masons for a twofold object—the recognition of individual work, and payment of individual work. He held that the marks could, by careful study, be distinguished; and he used to point to some marks of French Masons in Fountains Abbey as somewhat different from English marks as a proof of this. In the main it is quite clear, from the evidence of the Scottish Minute Books, and the statements of Mr. Street, in his work on Spanish Architecture, and others, that Bro. Shaw was quite correct, and that marks were handed down from father to son, and that the marks of various members of one family could be distinguished by additional symbols. Bro. Shaw thought he could trace the marks of the Master Mason, the Fellow, and the Apprentice. He even thought he could see what he termed "blind marks"—that is the marks of those who were not actually members of the lodge. It is very remarkable indeed that these marks are to be found in all countries—in the passages of the Pyramids; on the underground walls of Jerusalem; in Herculaneum and Pompeii; on Roman walls and Grecian temples; in Hindustan, Mexico, Peru, Asia Minor—as well as on the great ruins of England, France, Germany, Scotland, Spain, Italy, and Portugal. Indeed, Didron thinks that he discovers two classes of French marks: the first monogrammatic, as representing the overseers; the other object symbols, as mallets, trowels, compasses, and the like, representing the inferior class of workmen. The discoveries at Jerusalem seem to show that the marks were first of all, as E. W. Shaw pointed out, alphabetical, or based on the letters and numerals of the language of the country in which the masons were working. Phœnician letters and Hebrew letters have been found by Bro. Lt. Warren on the walls, just as they were painted before the temple was completed. All the earlier marks seem to have been alphabetical, and the early Greek letters and Phœnician characters, and probably Egyptian symbols, became the marks of the early builders. The Roman marks are apparently more symbolical and less alphabetical, though later the "Runes" seem to have been merely used as marks. As art moved on, mathematical figures and religious symbols became more in vogue, and we find the Cross and the Delta and five-pointed stars, the Pentalfa and Hexapla, the hour-glass, as it is called (two equilateral triangles joined at the apex), the cross on the triangle, two parallel lines with a connecting line, like a great H, and, as we have before remarked, the simple or floriated Cross. We think, therefore, as we have before hinted, that the Masons' marks (like all other earthly arrangements), developed as time went on, from the alphabetical and numeralistic to the symbolical and exoteric. It is but fair to observe here that what is called the Magical Alphabet, as we have more than once mentioned in this Cyclopædia, bears a very marked similarity to the Masons' marks; indeed, it is not too much to say that all the letters of that Hermetic collection have their counterparts in Masons' marks. We still adhere to our own expressed opinion, based on the greater authority of E. W. Shaw, that especially in the Mediæval times, if not at all times in the history of the building sodalities, the marks were outer tokens of an inner organisation; that, taken from geometry, they constituted a sort of universal Masonic alphabet, which, with some national variations, was a language the craftsman could understand; that all who worked these stones and raised these wondrous buildings were Freemasons, free of that Craft, Lodge, or Guild; and that there was one common bond of sympathy among good men and craftsmen, and of friendly aid to be found wherever the civilising fraternities set their feet and opened their lodges, still as dear to the honour of God and the welfare of the brethren.—*Keuning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

The W.M., Bro. E. F. Fitch, entertained the brethren of the Alliance Lodge at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, the 8th instant. Amongst those present were Bros. P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Colonel Dundas, P.P.G.W. Surrey; F. S. Jackson, S.W., W.M. elect; Col. Godfrey, I.P.M.; H. Clarke, C.C., P.M., Treas.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., Sec.; H. Squire, C.C., P.M.; Capt. H. Wright, P.M.; the Rev. J. G. Scott, J.W.; the Rev. J. H. Smith, Chap.; Col. T. Rodney Wilde, S.D.; Barrow Emanuel, M.A., Bruce Clarke, M.A., W. Westcott, Dr. Ernest Clarke, ex-Sheriff T. Clarke, J. L. Sayer, C.C., T. Roberts, Captain E. Pugh, and others.

A capital banquet was served. The usual loyal and Craft toasts followed, and "Success to the Alliance Lodge" was proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who referred to the great progress it had made in the Craft during the comparatively few years of its existence.

Bro. P. DE L. LONG gave in excellent terms "The Health of the W.M.," whose generous hospitality they had that afternoon partaken of.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER replied, and the company separated.

Prior to the very enjoyable gathering at the Crystal Palace, a meeting of the lodge was held, when Bro. F. S. Jackson was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

The first summer outing of the New Cross Lodge which has been graced by the presence of ladies was held at Hampton Court on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Meyer, W.M.

The members and friends went to the meet as fancy or convenience dictated, some drove down from Hatchett's Hotel and other parts, but the majority assembled at Waterloo Station, from whence they were conveyed in saloon carriages provided at a moment's notice by the courteous superintendent of the South station.

After refreshment the company separated into sympathetic groups, ranging in number from the happy couples who went exploring the beauties of leafy Bushey, quietly watched the deer, and indulged in those sweet nothings which are so precious in the springtime of youth, to the more numerous and matter-of-fact parties who, after a stroll in the gardens and examining the antiquities and curios of the Palace, indulged in a pipe or playfully disported on the silvery Thames. One party which shall be nameless (literally three men in a boat), with youth at the prow and pleasure (in the form of five charming damsels) at the helm carrying off the aquatic honours, the two hoary ones acquitting themselves manfully under the able directions of the youth at the prow, who, in spite of his recumbent position, skilfully managed while devouring strawberries to sustain the sometimes flagging energies of his fellow workers, and thus enabling them to land in time for the banquet.

The chair was taken by the W.M., who was supported by Miss Kate North and Miss Kate Heath; Bros. Firminger, C. N. McIntyre North, I.P.M.; T. Grummant, P.M.; Mrs. Grummant and Misses Grummant and Woodham; Bro. Woodham and party; Bros. Bertini, P.M.; Cowley, P.M., Treas.; C. Grassi, P.M., Steward; Madames Azario, Bertini, Cowley, Ferrari, Grassi, Gérard, Howard, Page, Sara Palma, Tinelli, Vickery, and others; Miss Cowley; Bros. Cogliati, Coccioletti, Ferrari, Guffanti, Gérard, Howard, Pratti, Tinelli, Windsor, H. Vickery, P.M. 1475; Page, P.M. 1475; Giambattista, Moro, Guerra, and others.

After the banquet, which was served by Bro. Pratti in a manner worthy of the occasion and company, grace was (in the absence of the Chaplain) said by the I.P.M., and the W.M. proposed, in appropriate terms, "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen."

The I.P.M., Bro. C. N. MCINTYRE NORTH, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that it was the first time the ladies had honoured the New Cross Lodge with their presence, thanks to Bro. Meyer, who had so ably filled the chair as W.M. of the lodge. The idea had been started before, but, although they had had many able and worthy Masters, they, through diffidence or modesty, had not carried out that idea, and, as none but the brave deserve the fair, the presence of the fair ones showed that their W.M. had gained the reward he so richly deserved, and the I.P.M. asked the ladies to join with their brethren in drinking to "The Health and Prosperity of the Worshipful Master of the New Cross Lodge."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER having replied, next proposed "The Health of the Ladies," welcoming those who had graced the festive board in a few well chosen and appropriate words.

Bro. BERTINI, in returning thanks for the ladies, said with regard to the compliments the W.M. had paid the ladies he as a man personally joined with him, but as he was the representative of the ladies he had naturally a great deal to say, especially on behalf of those who enjoyed the privileges of married life. When husbands came home (say a trifle later than their usual time) they were asked what had detained them, and when the answer was—"My dear, I have been attending to my Masonic duties at the lodge," curiosity was excited, and they therefore were very pleased to make the acquaintance of their Masonic brethren, as it enabled them to see something of the manner in which Masons enjoyed themselves after the business of the

lodge was over. From what they had seen and the hospitality they had enjoyed, and for which they tendered their best thanks, they could see that the practice of Freemasonry was not merely lost time, but that everything was done right and square, and that only the best could belong to the Craft.

The company then adjourned for coffee to the inner room, enjoying the magnificent view of the park until the tables were removed and the oaken floor prepared for the concluding festivities, which consisted of a splendid entertainment provided by Bro. Giambattista, and given in the intervals between the dancing. The most enjoyable items perhaps (when all were good) were a fantasia solo on the pianoforte by the composer, Signor Giambattista, a barcarole on the mandoline by Signor Guerra, an aria by Signora Sara Palma (from La Scala, Milan), the "Largo al factotum" of Signor Moro, an aria by Bro. Bertini, and the duet between Signora Sara Palma and Signor Moro, the shades of evening saw a happy and contented party wending their way homewards, and when we say that the Secretary, on the return journey, joined in the chorus of "Willie brewed a peck o' maut" with the abandon of enjoyment, we can give no stronger proof that there was not a single crumpled leaf in his bed of roses, and that another successful meeting could be inscribed in the records of the New Cross Lodge.

THE TENTH SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

The tenth summer excursion of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, was held on the 4th inst. Brethren assembled at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, at ten o'clock in the morning to discharge ordinary business, and at half-past 11 left Waterloo, accompanied by ladies and Masonic visitors, for Guildford. It was a charming morning and the fine old Surrey town looked its best. At the White Lion Hotel, waggonettes were in readiness to take the party one of the delightful drives which can be enjoyed in the neighbourhood. The route selected embraced the Merrow Downs, Fairyland, Newland's Corner, the Silent Pool, the village of Shere, and Albery Park, to which the Duke of Northumberland had kindly invited the visitors. One or two showers of rain fell during the picturesque journey, but they were not sufficient to spoil the pleasure of the rambles. Darting from the road across the Merrow Downs, the carriages entered Fairyland, a lovely spot with which many American travellers have eagerly familiarised themselves, and here under the shade of the magnificent yew trees, luncheon, admirably served by Miss Leonard, the manageress of the White Lion, at Guildford, was found ready. Bro. Lock had brought a camera, and after lunch took some capital photographs.

Again entering the carriages, the party reached the far-famed Newland's Corner, which presents one of the finest panoramic views in the South of England. The Silent Pool was next visited, and then came a halt at the quaint village of Shere, celebrated for its old church and its water-cress beds. Guided by Mr. Peebles, the Steward of the Duke of Northumberland, the visitors were subsequently conducted through the gardens and conservatories of Albery Park, and the privilege was greatly appreciated by all present.

Returning shortly after six to Guildford, the company sat down to tea, provided in the large room of the White Lion Hotel. Bro. W. T. Perkins, W.M., presided, and among those present were Mrs. Perkins; Bro. Wright, I.P.M., Mrs. Wright, and the Misses Wright; Bro. Asher, Mrs. Asher, and the Misses Asher; Mr. and Mrs. Peebles; Bro. T. Merton Clark and Madame Merton Clark; Bro. Peacock, J.W., and Mrs. Peacock; Bro. Manning, I.G.; Bro. G. Tarran, Stwd., and Mrs. Tarran; Bro. C. Lock, A.D.C., and Mrs. Lock; Bro. T. McD. Rendle, Steward; Bro. H. J. Sanderson, Steward, Mrs. Sanderson, and Mrs. H. J. Sanderson; Bro. Samuel James, Mrs. James, and Miss Joll; Bro. Masson and Mrs. Masson; Bro. G. E. Saunders, P.M., and Mrs. Saunders; Bro. T. G. Scott; Bro. F. W. Brodie and Miss May; Bro. G. H. Ribbons and Mrs. Ribbons; Bro. H. L. Bell and Mrs. Bell; Bro. J. D. Irvine, Mrs. Irvine, and Miss Oppitz; Bro. W. G. Kirby; Bro. H. Coulter and Miss Coulter.

After tea the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft." He said that in the Gallery Lodge this toast needed few words to commend it, but they could not allow the occasion to pass without recognising the fact that her Majesty the Queen was extending a welcome that day to two illustrious Imperial guests, and they all hoped that the visit of the German Emperor and Empress might result in great good to the people of the two empires.

Bro. ASHER proposed "The Gallery Lodge," and extended to its members and friends a hearty welcome to Guildford.

The W.M. responded, and said that was the fifth visit the lodge had paid to the interesting town. He spoke of the great work of Charity which the Craft performed, and alluded to the liberal support given at the recent Festival to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Songs by Bro. Irvine and Miss Joll followed, and the W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," tendering to Bro. Asher and to Mr. Peebles the thanks of the lodge for the valuable aid they had given in promoting the day's festivity, and desiring Mr. Peebles to convey to his grace the Duke of Northumberland the grateful acknowledgments for the opportunity he had afforded the party of realising the beauties of Albery Park. Bro. Perkins also thanked Bro. Merton Clark for his valuable services at the piano.

Bro. RENDLE, in a humorous speech, proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. KIRBY responded.

Madame Merton Clark contributed two songs to the delight of the company, and the toast of "The W.M." having been honoured at the instance of Bro. WRIGHT, I.P.M., the proceedings concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The party returned to London in good time, thoroughly pleased with the day's excursion, the arrangements for which, made by the W.M., Bro. Sanderson and Bro. Irvine, passed off without a hitch of any kind.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC OF THE DEVONSHIRE LODGE, No. 625.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., the members and friends of the Devonshire Lodge, No. 625, to the number of upwards of 100, started from the Landing-stage at an early hour for their annual picnic, this year held at the picturesque Vale of Llangollen. Having arrived, after a short stay at the Royal Hotel the party proceeded by boat along the canal to the Chain Bridge and Horse Shoe Falls, the lovely valley looking at its best after the late heavy rains. Returning to the Royal Hotel at half-past 12, the visitors sat down to a splendid banquet, served in the worthy host, Bro. Shaw's, well-known liberal and attentive manner. After dinner, ten well appointed waggonettes were in attendance, and the party were conveyed through the most magnificent scenery to Glyndyfrdwy, or the Black Valley, where they rested for an hour, Mrs. Roberts, of the Glyndyfrdwy Hotel, exerting herself to the comfort of her guests, making tea for the ladies, &c., and having all carried out to the lawn in proper picnic fashion.

After their rest the party re-entered their carriages, and returned to the Royal Hotel, where tea was ready for them, and justice was done to the excellent viands.

After tea the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. ALLENBY, proposed three toasts, which were cordially received, the first two being those of the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Phelan and Smart, in whose hands all arrangements for the comfort of the party had been placed, and through whose untiring efforts everything had passed off without a hitch, and the third to Bro. Shaw, the proprietor of the hotel, for his excellent catering and universal courtesy and kindness.

The visitors were afterwards photographed by Bro. Hinchcliffe, and after a stroll through the village, returned to Liverpool, delighted with their day's outing.

ANNUAL "FEAST OF ROSES" OF THE BRITISH UNION LODGE, No. 114.

The annual "feast of roses" in connection with the above lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 9th instant, when the national floral emblem graced in its fullest beauty the banquet hall, in which the gathering was held in its honour. The hall, indeed, presented a charming appearance. The choicest of roses of many hues hung in garlands or festoons from every vantage point, recesses were clothed in the prettiest of ways, while the tables were redolent with the fragrance of the loveliest blooms, the whole of the decorations being the work of most tasteful hands.

The W.M., Bro. P. de Lande Long, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and the other officers and members of the lodge present were Bros. T. Palmer, S.W.; A. F. Penraven, J.W.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.M., P.G.C., Chap.; W. Boby, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Treas.; B. P. Grimsey, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Secretary; C. E. Tempest, S.D.; T. B. Read, J.D.; F. M. B. Ashwin, I.G.; Percy Wainwright, Steward; H. C. Casley, P.P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; R. K. Casley, M.D., P.M., P.G. Treas.; V. D. Colchester, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. Tidbury, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. G. Hayward, P.M. 510, and P.G.R.; J. Legge Currie, P.M. 929; F. A. Cobbold, P.M.; G. S. Elliston, P.M.; J. Flower, H. Jones, J. A. Besant (Russia), F. Grimwood, A. Gibb, S. Gooding, T. W. Cotman, and G. Gould, Tyler. The visitors included Bro. Octavius Hansard, 197, P.S.G.W.; N. Tracy, 376, P.G. Sec.; Manning Prentice, 2371; Rev. T. S. Raffles, W.M. 2339; W. G. Bell, I.P.M. 859; O. G. Rackham, S.W. 1933; E. T. Read, 376; J. T. Taylor, 272; and E. Copeland, 959.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the latter toast being responded to by Bro. OCTAVIUS HANSARD.

The toast of "Bro. Lord Henniker, P.G.M.; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; and the rest of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was also given by the W.M.

Bro. H. C. CASLEY proposed in happy terms, "The Worshipful Master," which was appropriately acknowledged.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. BOBY, and responded to by Bro. TRACEY.

In the course of the proceedings the WORSHIPFUL MASTER mentioned with regret the absence of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.P. Board of G.P., and many other distinguished brethren who were unable to attend on account of the festivities in London consequent upon the visit of the German Emperor.

Mr. Harris's string band performed a choice selection of music during the banquet.

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W. Bro. FREDK. WEST, P.G.D. (Eng.), Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge.

June, 1891.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at THE PUBLIC HALL, CROYDON, on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of JULY, 1891, at FOUR o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, THE EARL OF LATHOM, will perform the Ceremony of Installation.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M., P.P.G.R., Prov. Grand Secretary.

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To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.
General Business.

Banquet at Six o'clock punctually.

The Entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge has been entrusted to the Lodges meeting in Croydon.

N.B.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets.

The word Luncheon has been inadvertently inserted in the Application Forms instead of Banquet. There will be no Luncheon, but the usual Banquet at Six o'clock.

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June, 1891.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at THE PUBLIC HALL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of JULY, 1891, at Two o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire. Summer Entertainment to the Annuitants at Croydon.



SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

We again call attention to the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday next, the 22nd inst. The Board of Stewards who will support the Chairmanship of Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, P.S.G.W., will, in all probability, be about 150 strong, and we trust the result of the meeting will compare favourably with those of the more recent Festivals of this Fund.

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It was hardly to be expected that the offer of additional votes to donors and subscribers and Stewards at the Jubilee Festival next year of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution would be allowed to pass without protest, and, therefore, a letter of objection to the proposed offer which we have received from "P.M. No. 72" does not surprise us. We trust, however, that he will permit us to point out that when a special object is sought to be gained, in order to commemorate a special event, there is certain to be a special difficulty in the way of success, in consequence of the increased number of brethren who will be canvassing as Stewards, while the donors and subscribers, who are always willing to support the Institution, deserve some special privilege when they evince an extra readiness to enrich the Charity. As for the offer being repeated again and again "on small pretext," there is, we think, little fear of this being done, when it is only with the sanction of Grand Lodge that the laws of the Institution can be altered or suspended even for so small a matter as the regulation of votes.

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The final meeting of the Board of Stewards at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, at five p.m., Bro. John Glass occupied the chair, and the accounts having been submitted and approved, votes of thanks were passed to the honorary officers, and in particular, Bro. McLeod, the Hon. Secretary; the Railway Companies, which had so nobly offered the Stewards such excellent facilities for travelling to and from Brighton; and the Corporation of Brighton for having allowed them the exclusive right of the Pavilion gardens during the afternoon and evening. The Board was then dissolved.

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Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is to be congratulated on the latest of his new departures. On Friday, the 10th instant, he entertained the members of his staff at a quiet little dinner at the Freemasons' Tavern, and took the opportunity of thanking them for the zeal and energy and ability with which they had performed their duties in connection with the recent Festival, and the sacrifices of time they had made in order to get through the very

heavy work which had devolved upon them. These simple courtesies are always appreciated. Men are always willing to work, no matter at what personal inconvenience, when they know that what they do will be thus kindly recognised.

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We have much pleasure in announcing that the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Constitution for a new lodge, which will be consecrated at an early date, and will be known as the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409, to meet at the Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E. The principal officers designate are Bros. Archibald R. Trew, P.P.G.D. Suffolk, W.M.; Robert Brennam, P.G.S.B. Hants and Isle of Wight, S.W.; and Robert J. Tucker, P.M. 933, J.W. Bro. John G. Stevens, P.M. 554, who is one of the founders, and has worked very hard for the new lodge during its preliminary stages, will be appointed as Acting Past Master.

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The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on the 8th instant, but there was very little business to transact. The Secretary reported the deaths of three annuitants, the Warden's report for the past month was read, and the report of the Finance Committee was submitted and adopted.

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On the occasion of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk at Thornham Hall, the seat of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Henniker, on Friday, August 7th, the Great Eastern Railway Company has consented to run a special train from Ipswich to Mellis, leaving Ipswich at 11 o'clock, and picking up passengers by the 11.2 from Bury at Haughley. The company has also consented to run a special from Mellis to Haughley at 8.35 p.m., meeting the last train from Bury St. Edmunds, due in Ipswich at 9.33, in time to catch the down train, which leaves at 10 o'clock. Return tickets will be issued from all stations at a single fare and a quarter to all brethren producing the summons to Provincial Grand Lodge. Arrangements will be made at Mellis to convey the brethren to Thornham Hall and back free of charge.

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A special meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 7th August, the purpose being to consider the proposed new by-laws, which will be then brought up by the By-laws Committee.

Correspondence.

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

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was not able to attend the meeting last week when Bro. F. Richardson proposed certain honorary positions for Bros. Clutton and Hunt, but it appears to me that something more tangible should record the services rendered by these brethren. It must be known to some of your readers that to get up a set of contract drawings for a job of the size of the Centenary Hall with the necessary copies would necessitate a very large outlay in assistance.

At the very least handsomely got up testimonials should be presented, and if funds permit these brethren should receive a piece of plate.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

Reviews.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR SUFFOLK. 1891-2.

This admirable publication, edited by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. N. Tracy, must be invaluable to the members of such a thriving province, and its numerous details concerning all the Degrees (and their officers) worked in the county, render the Masonic Year-Book for Suffolk almost as indispensable as the "Book of Constitutions." The statistical information might well be arranged in a table similar to the excellent Calendars for the Craft and Royal Arch meetings. We have, however, made up the following totals. There are 22 lodges in the province, with 956 members, nine Royal Arch chapters, and 183 members, three Mark lodges having 65, one K.T. Preceptory, with 24 on the roll, and one Rose Croix chapter, with 42 members. The oldest lodge, No. 71, Lowestoft, dates from 1747, and the latest is No. 2371, Felixstowe, of 1890. The most striking figures of all, however, refer to the Central Masonic Charities, the total votes for which, with under 1000 members in the province, amount to 4578! We need not state that the "Suffolk

Masonic Charity Association," with Lord Henniker as President, the Rev. C. J. Martyn as Vice-President, and Bro. J. M. Harvey as Secretary, is in vigorous operation, and the "Suffolk Life Subscribership Association," under similar patronage, and Bro. A. J. Grimwade as Secretary, is in full work and doing much for the blessed cause.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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DIVISION IV.—CHAPTER I.

Bro. John Lane, the author of "Masonic Records, 1717—1886" (an invaluable work to all Masonic students and a monument of indomitable perseverance and untiring energy), has compiled an admirable list of all the lodges warranted in America under the "English Constitution, 1733—1889." The lodges are classified under the States, &c., where located, thus facilitating easy reference, and the notes are arranged in such a way that students cannot fail to appreciate them. Before the era of Grand Lodges there is evidence of brethren assembling in lodges in America, and subsequently meeting independently, as well as proofs of the constitution of others never registered by either of the British Grand Lodges. The total number of lodges warranted and noted in the list number 259; the "Athols," or "Ancients," warranting 31. Out of the total (259) 21 still remain on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The "Union" Lodge, George Town, 1813, July 28th, No. 358A, now No. 248, being the only one working under an "Athol" warrant. Another "Athol" warrant (No. 204A) was issued, January 3, 1778, to St. Augustine, Florida, but appears not to have reached its destination, the same number being re-issued by the "Athols" in 1803 to the present Lodge of "Perseverance," No. 155, Liverpool. A special centenary warrant was obtained, dated April 3rd, 1862, by No. 213A, constituted 1781, July 3rd, after an existence of only 81 years. This lodge purchased No. 9A, originally issued 30 January, 1752, to the present "Kent" Lodge, No. 15, London. This lodge became No. 8A 27th December, 1752; No. 11A then becoming No. 9A, and being "declared Vacant, null & void" for non-payment 7th August, 1754. No. 50A purchased that number in 1757, which lapsed about 1761. No. 9 was once more sold for £5 5s. in 1771 to S. G. W. Clarke and others, and afterwards delivered up 3rd September, 1777, and purchased once more by No. 213A for £5 5s. 20th December, 1787. How came this lodge to have a "Special Centenary Warrant?" Doubtless our distinguished Bro. Lane will have much to tell us upon this most interesting subject of "Centenary Warrants and Jewels" in the work he is now preparing and has quite ready for the press. The volume will contain lithographic reproductions from photographs of all the centenary jewels issued, as well as other valuable information never published before. In perusing this new history, which is a splendid work, I observed a slight error at page 241 as to the number of lodges in Massachusetts. There are not six recorded in "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," but five, the "Royal Exchange" Lodge being the St. John's Lodge, No. 1, which met at the Royal Exchange Tavern, King-street, Boston, in 1735.

JNO. TAYLOR, W.M. 1402.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The subscribers to this Institution will, no doubt, be pleased to hear that the girls have again scored. The result of the Science Examinations has just been published by the School of Science and Art, and we find that out of 28 children who went up for mathematics, 25 of them have passed—12 first class and 13 second.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—This lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. E. Rogers, P.M. 1238, P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd., W.M.; H. Slade, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., G. Stwd., J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Capt. Walls, P.P.G.W., J.D.; Masters, I.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.P. G.D.C., D.C.; and W. H. Kempster, jun., Stwd. Bro. G. Davis, P.M. 1642, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Messrs. Alexander Andrade and Paul M. Scrattege were duly and impressively initiated into Craft mysteries. Bro. H. Slade was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. H. Young, Treasurer, and Bros. Walls and Masters, Auditors for the year ensuing. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren journeyed to Hampton Court. A steam launch being in readiness, the brethren and their numerous visitors went up the river to Shepperton.

The banquet was subsequently held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, the viands and wines being, as usual, excellent in quality. The banquet was personally superin-

tended by Bro. Sadler, the veteran and genial host. The W.M. presided most ably.

Bro. Dr. Kempster responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Davis, P.M. 1642, for "The Visitors." In the intervals of the toasts Bro. Kift greatly amused the brethren by his quaint and talented instrumental and vocal selections. The proceedings throughout were most enjoyable, and the W.M. and the executive are to be congratulated on the great success that attended their efforts.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ASHBOURNE.

St. Oswald Lodge (No. 850).—The annual installation festival in connection with this lodge took place in the Town Hall, on Monday, the 6th inst., when Bro. W. Davenport, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. Twigge, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. W. H. Tutt, P.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. Twigge, I.P.M.; W. A. Lytle, S.W.; A. M. Withers, J.W.; J. Young, Chap.; P. R. Littleton, P.M., Treas.; J. Howell, P.P. J.G.W., Sec.; R. Beardmore, S.D.; T. O. Farmer, J.D.; J. Hill, D.C.; W. H. Tutt, P.P.G.O., Organist; J. T. Marple, Almoner and Asst. Org.; W. H. Smedley, I.G.; E. Hunter, Stwd.; and R. Brown, Tyler. In addition to most of the officers the following members were also present: Bros. J. R. Rigby, P.M.; G. M. Bond, P.M.; and W. Barnes, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Hon. C. W. Trollope, W.M. 2129; Thos. Shipton, P.M., P.G.N. 681; A. E. P. Voules, W.M. 681; W. J. Piper, P.M. 802; Thos. Oldham, W.M. 802; Samuel Keeling, W.M. 456; Raymond Slater, P.M. 802; and G. S. Smith, I.P.M. 802.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Green Man, when, after the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given.

BROXBOURNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the new place of meeting at Broxbourne, which was presided over by Bro. J. G. Cobb, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. John Petch, Prov. G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; C. M. Coxon, S.W.; H. T. Nell, P.M., J.W.; T. Wye, S.D.; E. H. Moore, J.D.; R. W. Nicole, I.G.; G. T. Chretien, D.C.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., Stwd.; T. Williams, Tyler; Arthur Hart, P.M., P.G.S. of Wks. Somerset; W. Ball, P.M.; Jas. France, P.M., P.S.G.W. West Yorks; N. Pearce, J. Gravatt, W. Sammes, and A. Ingram. The lodge was honoured by the presence of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Bullock, P.M. 504; and Bros. Alderman T. Bateman Fox (Mayor of Dewsbury), P.M. 208, P.P. S.G.W. West Yorks; J. Driscoll, P.M. 30; F. Hallows, P.M. 861; T. E. Carpenter, 270; and A. Streeter, Org. 2157. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous in favour of both. One of them, Mr. Arthur Ingram, being in attendance, he was initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry in a most able manner. The W.M., Bro. Cobb, was then elected as Charity Steward and representative of the lodge on the Finance Committee of the province. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dispersed, to assemble again at a later hour to dine.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Bullock, P.G. Sec., expressed the pleasure felt by the brethren at his presence amongst them on that occasion. They had been compelled by circumstances over which they had no control to give him a great deal of trouble, but he had met them at all times with kindness and courtesy, and now that the difficulties of the removal of the lodge had been arranged, and they were on smooth water once more, they felt thankful to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, for the consideration he had shown them, and to the Provincial Grand Secretary for his exertions on their behalf.

The toast was very warmly received. Bro. C. Bullock, Prov. Grand Secretary, in replying, said he had a very lively recollection of the last meeting of the lodge which he attended at Elstree, of the amusements indulged in between labour and refreshment, and in a very genial, hearty, and kindly speech, which met with much applause, he wished the brethren success in their new home.

In replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Bateman Fox, P.P.S.G.W., referred to the connection which had been formed between the Provinces of West Yorkshire and Herts, through the medium of the Kingswood Lodge, for matters relative to Masonic Charities, and alluded to the satisfaction felt by the West Yorkshire brethren at the magnificent result of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. Bullock, P.G. Sec., said that was a proud day for Freemasonry when the second largest amount ever collected for the Charities was announced, and the small Province of Herts had contributed £221 to that result. The Boys' School had emerged from a cloud to bright sunshine. In his official capacity he attended many lodges, and he felt he could, without flattery, compliment the Kingswood Lodge on its working. He should carry away pleasant memories of that evening.

Bros. F. Hallows, P.M., Carpenter, and Streeter also briefly replied.

The Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close.

EAST MOLESEY.

Cyclist Lodge (No. 2246).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Saturday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Chas. A. Ifter, W.M.; Thos. Clark, S.W.; W. J. Mason, P.M., acting J.W.; Chas. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., acting S.D.; W. R. Hatton, I.G.; Hy. Holmes, P.M.; D. P. Cama, P.M.; A. Powell, and S. Brim. Visitors: Bros. R. D. Mehta, P.M., S.G.D. for the District Grand Lodge of Bengal; J. P. Painter, J.D. 2202, Pestuji Ukazi, Bengal; and A. R. Shepperd, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Arthur Powell and Solomon Brim were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Letters from brethren were read and accepted, after which the lodge was closed.

HAMPTON COURT.

Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre on Saturday, the 11th inst., at which there were present the Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Raymond Thrupp, and many other brethren. The ceremony of installing Bro. Graham Buckley as W.M., was most impressively performed by Bro. Cassall. Previous to the installation Bro. Frederick Arthur Crabb was raised. After the investiture of Bro. J. T. Wright as S.W., and Bro. G. E. Lewis as J.W., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Sadler in his usual style.

LIVERPOOL.

Toxteth Lodge (No. 1356).—At a meeting of the above lodge, held at the Masonic Temple, North Hill-street, on the 8th inst., Bro. James Rankin was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bros. E. George, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and B. Holgate, P.M. The newly-elected W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. D. Macfarlane, I.P.M.; R. W. Chatham, S.W.; P. Lloyd, J.W.; H. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; H. Bridger, Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; J. Lloyd, J.D.; L. Phillips, D.C.; J. W. Glover, I.G.; C. Lloyd, G. Davies, G. Watson, and T. H. Porter, Stwds.; and F. Du Chemin, Tyler.

Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—A meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, when Bro. William Montgomery was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. R. E. W. Stephenson, who was supported by Bros. Henry Isaac, I.P.M.; W. H. Hignett, P.M.; Roger Warriner, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; W. Ladyman, P.M.; A. Soldat, P.M.; John Jessop, P.M.; and John Duncan, jun., P.M. Having been duly installed, Bro. Montgomery proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. R. E. W. Stephenson, I.P.M.; Richard J. Leake, S.W.; John Haynes, J.W.; John H. Parker, P.M., Treas.; John W. Hughes, Sec.; Chas. H. Eaton, S.D.; Thomas W. Hignett, J.D.; F. W. A. Soldat, P.M., D.C.; Charles G. Beechey, Org.; John A. C. Jukes, I.G.; Edwd. B. Godden, Richard Lowrey, and Geo. Barrett, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. Robert Foote, P.P.G. Treas.; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. C. Lewis, P.D.G.P. Hong Kong and South China; H. H. Smythe, W.M. 2294; R. Britten, W.M. 823; Andrew Kirkpatrick, W.M. 1502; P. C. Asbury, P.M. 1620; Eli Brooks, I.P.M. 2294; W. Jones, P.M. 1264; Albert H. Hallwood, P.M. 1505; and D. Davis, P.M. 724.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, and being one of the first of a yearly series of such meetings in this district was looked forward to with many pleasurable anticipations, which we are happy to say were fully realised.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Colonel E. Hughes, M.P., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., by request of the W.M., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in due course installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Busbridge, S.W., into the chair of K.S. Bro. Busbridge then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hughes, I.P.M.; W. C. Taylor, S.W.; Dr. E. Bryceson, J.W.; the Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A., Chaplain; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; C. Lawson, P.M., Asst. Sec.; C. Clapham, S.D.; J. J. Collins, J.D.; D. K. Somers, I.G.; J. O. Cook, D.C.; J. J. Murphy and C. W. Scantlebury, A.D.C.'s; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R., E. M. Taylor, and J. Farrier, Stewards; R. F. Tyler, Organist; J. H. Bull, Asst. Organist; A. Moore, Std. Br.; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bro. Penfold then proceeded with the charges, which, like the whole of the ceremony, was perfectly delivered, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the acting W.M., which was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and for which he returned thanks. Bro. Hughes was then presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, inscribed with the esteem and thanks of the brethren for his many and valuable services to the lodge during his year of office, for which he returned thanks. Bro. Coupland was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, and gave unlimited satisfaction. During the evening Bros. T. J. Nell, W. H. Wheeler, M. A. Kelly, W. Pocklington, Lee, Syclemore, and R. Rae sang a number of songs and glees infinitely well, and Bro. R. F. Tyler presided at the piano.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. T. Vincent, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M., P.G.R.; H. Mason, P.M.; R. Edmonds, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M., Bd. of B.; Lopez, P.M.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.M. (Hon.), P.P.G. Chaplain; R. Pidcock, P.M., P.P.G.R. Sussex; F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.P. Dorset; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); F. Estler, P.M.; G. H. Letton, P.M. and W.M. 615; W. Lomax, Jas. Griffiths, W. Lock, C. Hartnup, G. Frost, W. J. Young, W. Sallenger, Jas. Topp, J. Hooton, R. Ginman, D. C. Capon, A. Wallis, Jas. J. Mitchell, W. F. Hayward, Jas. F. Frankling, Jos. Haslett, H. Towns, H. Malings, W. T. Buckley, G. Laurance, C. Hager, A. D. Capon, W. B. Ledger, H. H. Grafton, W. Charlesworth, E. Lewis, T. Hambrook, R. S. Courtman, G. H. Campbell, W. A. Fenn, E. Morris, W.M. 1780; R. E. Saunders, W. G. Newton, W. H. Pryce, H. Steward, W. Chaney, H. G. Baker, A. Eton, T. G. Arnold, W. Wren, J. Turton, J. Widgey, G. Roberts, W. Harris, L. Mills, Jas. Stratton, M. A. Bless, S. Horton, B. Hammond, A. W. Jackson, C. J. Swiss, J. Taylor, W. A. Tucker, H. Cromby, H. Martin, W. H. Lewis, J. Berchall, J. W. Dickenson, D. Sedgeley, J. G. Tucker, T. J. Nell, W. Davidson, C. H. Stowe, J. G. Trapnell, H. J. Spencer, W. Gook, J. Messent, and Dr. W. R. Smith, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. G. T. Merrick, P.M. 1826, and P.P.G.S. Surrey; G. T. Mugleton, M.D., P.M. 1228; C. E. Binby, P.M. 1223, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Wills, P.M. 299, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. E. Southgate, W.M., W. Webber, I.P.M., J. H. Roberts, P.M. and Treas., J. McCollough, S.W., G. Grant, G. H. Porter and H. Pamant, Stewards, G. H. Nichols, I.G., A. G. Mitchell, and J. Chennells, all of 700; S. Clarke, P.M. 708; H. King, P.M. and Sec., G. R. Cashfield, S.W. and W.M. elect, and C. G. Godwin, J.W.,

of 615; Col. C. Vansittart, S.W., and J. Bilton, J.W., of 2399; W. Davidson, 13; F. Hitchings, W.M. 77; L. Salt, W.M. 1424; W. Wiggins, W.M. 20; J. H. Passmore, I.G. 2205; J. Pakes, P.M. 871; G. Knowles, I.G. 2305; E. W. Carter, P.M. 888; C. F. Wyatt, W.M. 1050; R. Smith, 1000; Q. Down, J.W. 708; W. Read, W.M. elect 1973; A. Hoefman, 1076; R. Klyne, 2266; C. W. Trollope, P.M. 1826; J. Osterstock, 1185; J. W. Gilbert, 1050; M. Greive, 34; J. Davis, 13; H. C. Haley, 1789; C. Skinner, 20; J. Dixon, 13; H. Hunt, J.W. 706; J. Macgregor, 541; S. Sudworth, 872; S. Chinery, 184; C. Fenton, 1457; T. R. Mander, 2168; G. Lauckert, 1107; H. H. Church, 1973; J. Hevuaman, 1329; and others.

The Worshipful Master, having given the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were most loyally received and responded to, gave that of "The Prov. G.M. of Kent, Earl Amherst," of whom he spoke in glowing terms, and whose health the brethren drank with great enthusiasm.

"The D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed, and in putting it the W.M. said he was pleased to see the Pattison Lodge had that year been highly honoured in the person of Bro. Cook, P.M., who had been appointed to the distinguished position of Prov. G. Registrar, and with whose name he should couple the toast.

Bro. Cook said the W.M. had referred to the dignity that had been conferred upon the Pattison Lodge by their esteemed Prov. G.M. in appointing him (Bro. Cook) as Prov. Grand Registrar. That was just his opinion, for he certainly looked upon it more as an honour to the lodge than to any especial credit due to himself. It was unnecessary for him to remind them that the Pattison Lodge held a very high position in the Province of Kent, and therefore they could quite understand him, and also the W.M., when he declared it to be an honour more to the lodge than to himself. The province mustered on its roll some 58 lodges, so that they could not expect to receive the purple every year. He highly appreciated the honour, and thanked them most heartily for their kind reception of the toast.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," saying that it was a difficult task to perform satisfactorily to him. It was a case of "The king is dead; long live the king," and it certainly seemed to him a rather funny thing that he should have to propose such a toast. He said it gave him much pleasure to know that he was succeeded by Bro. Busbridge, who was one they might be proud of. He could speak of Bro. Busbridge because he knew him to be a perfectly honourable gentleman, and he asked them to give him their hearty support, and all those other virtues that were essential to the advancement both of the lodge and Freemasonry in general.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he did not merit the kind words said about him by the W.M., but he would try to merit them, and would now thank them for their hearty reception of the toast. As he was a sort of new born babe in his office, they must not expect a long speech from him, but he must say that he felt it a great honour to be placed in such an important and honourable position, in which he felt that he had the hearty good wishes of every brother of the lodge. He was proud of the position, and he was proud of the excellent Officers, Present and Past, who, as Past Masters of the lodge, held or had held some of the highest offices in the province and in that lodge, which was acknowledged to be the foremost in the Province of Kent, and he said this, that he and every Past Master and officer of the lodge would do their utmost to maintain that high position and to be worthy of the offices to which they were called. It was a difficult job to follow such excellent Masons and English gentlemen as those who had preceded him, but he asked every brother to feel that with them the success of the lodge in a very great measure remained. If they assisted him individually and collectively there must be a good year before him and them. He asked them to bring him work, to bring him good men, and good men only, men who would be an honour to the lodge. He asked his officers during the few months that must elapse before they again met to prepare themselves for the work entrusted to them, so that it might reflect credit upon the lodge, and they might depend upon his hearty co-operation for the success and welfare of the Pattison Lodge. He then paid a high tribute to Bro. Penfold, the Installing Officer, for the splendid working of the installation ceremony, which he wished every brother could have had the opportunity of seeing, and resumed his seat amid great cheering.

Bro. Penfold briefly replied, and thanked them for their kindly reception of his name.

Bro. Jamblin proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and congratulated the lodge not only on the quantity but the quality of its Past Masters. It was the high prestige of the lodge and its Past Masters that made so many gentlemen join it, but they might take it that only one in every 20 could ever attain the rank of Master in it; nor could more than one in three of its Past Masters expect to receive P.G. honours. He had recently laid himself open to a charge of disloyalty by endeavouring to make another yearly office in the province, but as to disloyalty, was it disloyal for bees to swarm, was it disloyal for Masons in other parts of the world to form new districts, with Grand Officers of their own?—if not, neither was his desire to procure an additional yearly office disloyal. He gave them the toast and asked them to do all honour to it.

Bro. Hughes, in the course of a humorous speech, returned thanks, and the other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Masonic Press," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers," to all of which due honour was done, and so concluded a memorable and enjoyable function.

PLYMOUTH.

Prudence Lodge (No. 1550).—The members of this lodge met in large numbers at the Masonic Hall, Princess-square, on Saturday, the 4th inst., when Bro. Charles Mutton, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. A. C. Titherley, the retiring W.M., presided, and the attendance was so large that it was found necessary to hold the meeting in the Provincial Grand Lodge Room, in order to accommodate all the brethren, of whom nearly a hundred were present. The board of Installed Masters alone numbering between 40 and 50. The ceremony of installing the W.M. in the chair of K.S. was admirably carried out by Bro. A. C. Titherley, the retiring W.M., and the remaining portions of the ceremony were ably performed by Bros. J. G. Kevern, who led the

salutations; J. R. Lord, who delivered the charge to the W.M.; C. Philp, who addressed the Wardens, and R. G. Bird, who charged the brethren. The W.M. afterwards invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. C. Titherley, I.P.M.; G. Evans, S.W.; E. Budge, J.W.; C. Philp, Treas.; T. Goodall, Sec.; H. Robins, S.D.; J. Penwarn, J.D.; T. W. Griffiths, I.G.; R. Sewell, D.C.; T. G. Edwards, A.D.C.; A. Roberts, Org.; W. Pryor, W. Barrett, and W. A. B. Venning, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler. Bro. J. G. Kevern is the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Mutton is the Charity Steward. Bro. Philp, the treasurer, presented a very satisfactory report, the balance in hand at the end of the financial year being one of the largest ever known in the history of the lodge. It was decided to hold the annual excursion of the lodge on Saturday, the 18th inst., the route chosen being a trip up the River Tamar. Permission has been obtained from Col. Coryton to visit Pentillie, and from the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall, to visit Cotehele, and the programme will also include a high tea at Calstock. The W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, nearly everyone of whom, he said, had readily subscribed to the testimonial fund, then presented the Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. C. Philp, and to the Secretary, Bro. T. Goodall, each with a handsome Past Master's gold jewel in recognition of their valuable services in these capacities, and as a mark of Masonic goodwill and esteem. Bro. Mutton remarked that it was the glory of Freemasonry that it had associated with it so many men who devoted themselves heart and soul to the spread of its principles and the upholding of its best traditions. Prominent amongst them in the West of England were Bros. Philp and Goodall, whose love for Masonry was shown in the great interest they always took, not only in the lodge with which they were more immediately connected, but in the Order at large. Having passed through all the other offices they had for many years voluntarily carried out the duties of Treasurer and Secretary with conspicuous ability, and with a devotion to duty that could not be surpassed in any lodge either in the province or out of it. The desire to recognise these services found expression at the last annual banquet, with the result that a subscription was started, and without having to come upon the funds of the lodge at all, a sum was subscribed enabling the Committee (Bros. Kevern, Goodman, and Pryor) to purchase two very handsome Past Masters' jewels, each bearing an appropriate inscription. Bro. Mutton then presented the jewels to Bros. Philp and Goodall, remarking that the lodge was largely indebted to them for the excellent position it occupied among the lodges in the province. Bros. Philp and Goodall briefly acknowledged the gifts, assuring the brethren that they would ever regard the jewels as among their most cherished Masonic emblems.

The lodge was then closed, and a large number of the brethren afterwards partook of light refreshment in the dining hall, the W.M., Bro. C. Mutton, presiding. Several Masonic toasts were proposed.

Bro. W. H. Powell, P.G.T., responded for "The Officers of Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Godfrey Evans, S.W., and acknowledged by Bro. Mutton.

Bro. H. S. Hill, P.M. 223, replied for "The Visitors." The toasts were interspersed with singing and recitations.

SOUTHALL.

Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).—A regular meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. John Tidmarsh, W.M.; Meech, I.P.M.; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Harper, S.W.; W. Seward, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; W. A. Cocks, Sec.; C. Mead, J.D.; W. C. Hall, P.P.G. Std. Br., Org.; J. Passmore, I.G.; W. Freemantle, Stwd.; A. J. Hanson, W. F. Sanger, C. C. Sanger, B. G. Hanson, J. H. A. Mury, E. H. Moseley, E. Parnell, J. Webb, R. G. Pontifex, J. A. Webb, J. J. Fewkes, T. S. Hardman, H. Bishop, W. A. Buckland, and G. L. Duffin, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Mark Rawlings, J.W. 1894, and A. Hardy, 382.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Henry George Usher, which proved favourable. A full evening's work then presented itself. Bros. H. Bishop and W. A. Buckland were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. T. S. Hardman was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. H. G. Usher was initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Order. The whole of the ceremonies was performed by the W.M. and his officers in a highly efficient manner. The W.M. gave the traditional history in the Third Degree, and also delivered the charge in the First. The First and Third Degree working tools were presented by Bro. W. Seward, P.M., and those of the Second Degree by Bro. Harper, S.W. The Secretary was requested to forward the hearty good wishes of the brethren for a speedy and complete recovery to Bro. Butters, who had recently undergone a very painful operation, and also to convey a message of sympathy and condolence with three brethren who have recently sustained a heavy family bereavement. The W.M. then gave an account of his Stewardship at the recent Anniversary Festival of the Girl's School, and thanked the brethren for enabling him to take up the sum of £28 14s. on that occasion. In accordance with a by-law of the lodge, the names of brethren eligible for the office of W.M. were read. The name of the present W.M. could not be included in this list, as he has been unanimously elected as the next Master of the St. Mark's College Lodge, No. 2157. In response to an application of the brethren of the latter lodge, the M.W.G.M. has been pleased to grant a dispensation enabling him to be installed before his present year of office has quite expired. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to an admirably prepared cold collation, which reflected the highest credit on Mrs. Freemantle, the hostess.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Howard Room responding for that of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bros. Pontifex, Meech, Shury, and Passmore assisted Bro. Hall, P.M. and Organist, in presenting an enjoyable musical programme. Bro. T. S. Hardman delighted the company by his admirable reciting of "The last shot."

WHITEHAVEN.

Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, College-street, for the purpose of installing Bro. Spencer Broadbent, W.M. elect. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. Starkey, P.G. Stwd., W.M. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Sir James Bain, M.P., and J. R. Bain, P.M. 1400, P.P.J.G.W., were balloted for as joining members and accepted. Bro. Broadbent was presented, and installed by Bro. Starkey, assisted by Bro. John Barr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bro. Rev. J. Anderson, P.P.G. Chap., S.W. and Chap.; S. Hinde, J.W.; W. C. Johns, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Thompson, Sec.; W. H. Chapman, Asst. Sec.; W. Gaffney, S.D.; J. P. Bennett, J.D.; H. Meageon, D.C.; D. H. Cook, P.P.G. Org., Org.; E. Thornburrow, I.G. and Almoner; J. Lachlison and R. W. P. Oswald, Stewards; and Thos. Richardson, P.P.G.T., Tyler.

The following also signed: Bros. J. L. Paitson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Pagen, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Chas. J. J. Harris, P.M.; Thos. Allinson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Studholme, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. W. Moore, P.M.; J. B. Mossop, R. Bell, J. Stoddart, G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; S. Woodley, R. Miller, J. Reid, W.M. 371; T. Anison, S.W.; R. Brown, P.M.; W. Pearson, F. W. Broadbent, 37, Bolton; D. Atkinson, W.M. 872; T. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. E. Telfer, E. Rose, P.M.; E. Pattinson, S.W.; J. J. Wilson, P.M. 1267, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Miller, R. Shepherd, E. K. Bouch, H. Rowe, M. A. Simpson, E. Loach, W.M. 962; J. Kerby, W.M. 1400; J. Rubery, P.M.; T. J. Richardson, W.M. 1532; H. Hartley, P.M. 1660, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Robinson, S.W.; W. Shaw, J.W.; R. J. Nicholls, E. Jackson, J.D.; J. Armstrong, S.D.; A. Ashmore, W. Heathcote, W.M. 1989; C. Gowen, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Dickinson, P.M.; L. Rumney, J.W.; W. Kewley, J.D.; A. W. Turner, W.M. 2285; and others. Many telegrams and letters conveying good wishes to the newly-installed W.M. were read, including from Bro. G. J. McKay (Mayor of Kendal), G. Std. Br. England; Colonel F. R. Sewell, P.P.S.G.W.; T. A. Argles (High Sheriff Westmorland), P.P.G. Reg.; and others.

Bro. Broadbent, W.M., said on behalf of the officers and members of the lodge he had a very agreeable duty to discharge, and that was to present Bro. G. Starkey, now the I.P.M. of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel with a suitable inscription upon it, which he hoped he would be long spared to wear. His genial manner and good workmanship had undoubtedly won him the respect of all, and perhaps in the long history of the lodge better harmony had not been than during Bro. Starkey's Mastership. Bro. Starkey briefly thanked the W.M. and brethren for the handsome jewel presented, and said in the future nothing would give him greater pleasure than to assist in the work for the prosperity of the lodge. He could not but look back upon his year of office but with a degree of pleasure to the perfect harmony that prevailed, and by the assistance of his officers the good work done in the initiation of a few capital candidates and joining members, and the hearty way the members supported Bro. Dalrymple's Stewardship to the R.M.I.B. to the tune of nearly 40 guineas, made the 12 months almost appear like six to him, and he could not but say he saw a happy future for his able successor, Bro. Broadbent.

The usual compliments were paid by the many visitors present, and the lodge was closed; and, at the invitation of the W.M., about 60 adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was partaken of, and with toast and song an agreeable evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult., when there were present Comps. T. Simpson, M.E.Z.; G. Herbert, H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas., acting J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; N. Prover, M.A., S.N.; B. Lane, P.S.; H. Herbert, 1st A.S.; J. Young, P.Z.; and Mallet, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. H. J. Lardner installed Comp. G. Herbert as M.E.Z. The dispensation having been read, Comp. Prover was then installed as H. by Comp. J. Young. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. T. Simpson. The following investitures then took place: Comps. Walls, S.E.; H. Herbert, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; and Mallet, Janitor. The other investitures were deferred. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officers. Comp. Dr. Lott sent an apology for non-attendance.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. The customary toasts followed.

Bro. H. H. Shirley, P.Z. 2, made an excellent speech on behalf of "The Visitors."

During the evening Comps. B. Lane, Martin, W. J. Porter, and Young instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions.

The M.E.Z. presided in a most genial way; his speeches were brief, but thoroughly pertinent.

Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when there were present Comps. Henry Hughes, M.E.Z.; W. R. Dixon, H.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, J.; Henry Birdseye, P.Z., acting P.S.; Charles Arkell, P.Z., Scribe E.; Thos. Cohu, P.Z., acting 1st Asst. Soj.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; F. D. Rees Copstick, P.Z.; T. S. Holland, I.P.Z.; G. J. Potter, and George Grant. Visitors: Comps. James Boulton, Temperance-in-the-East, No. 808, P.Z. Doric Chapter, No. 933; and C. Rootes, M.E.Z. Palladian Chapter, No. 120.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. George Grant, of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, as a candidate, who was duly elected and exalted.

The companions afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

POOLE.

Amity Chapter (No. 137).—This chapter held its annual installation meeting on Friday, the 10th inst., when the following were duly installed as Principals for the ensuing year: Comps. Rev. W. C. Browne, Z.; W. Davis, H.; and F. A. Sharp, J., the first two ceremonies being performed by Comp. H. J. Atkins, P.Z. 195, P.P.G.J. Hants and the Isle of Wight, in his usual able and impressive manner, and the latter by Comp. H. J. Sydenham, the outgoing Z. of the chapter. The following officers were also invested: Comps. C. J. Woodford, S.E.; D. Hitching, S.N.; G. H. Gutch, P.Z., Treas.; C. Carter, P.S.; F. J. Pomeroy, 1st A.S.; J. Farrant, 2nd A.S.; and Squibb, Janitor.

The accounts for the past year, showing a balance of over £20 in favour of the chapter, were read and adopted, and prove the chapter to be in a most healthy condition.

About 27 companions and visitors sat down to the banquet which followed, and the usual toasts were duly honoured, and a most pleasant evening spent.

The visitors present were Comps. E. W. Cross, Z.; D. W. Preston, J. Harvey, H. J. Atkins, C. T. Miles, 195; J. Stroud, Z.; W. J. Robinson, P.Z. 417; H. A. Lawton, P.Z. 622; and J. B. Best, and W. Fookes, of 1122.

TWICKENHAM.

Strawberry Hill Chapter (No. 946).—The regular convocation of this prosperous chapter was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when there were present Comps. E. Dare, M.E.Z.; Sapsworth, H.; S. Jacobs, P.Z.; A. Higerty, P.Z.; Stedwell, P.Z., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.Z., S.E.; J. R. Barnes, S.N.; R. R. Monger, P.S.; A. Grundy, A.S.; H. Barton, Bincham Cooper, J. S. Taverner, H. S. Lee, and A. Walkley, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. E. Hopwood, P.Z. 1336, and F. C. Austin, P.Z. 177, acting J.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and Bro. T. W. Ingram, 1441 (elected on May 13), being in attendance, was duly exalted. This being the day for election of Principals and officers, the following were declared duly elected: Comps. Sapsworth, M.E.Z.; Simmonds, H.; Barnes, J.; Stedwell, Treas.; Forge, S.E.; Monger, S.N.; Trinder, P.S.; Grundy, 1st A.S.; Alcator, 2nd A.S.; and Walkley, Janitor. Comps. Cooper and Ingram were unanimously elected as Auditors. The resignation of Comp. G. J. Jones, P.Z., was received with many expressions of regret, and the chapter was closed, after which the companions retired to the King's Head Hotel, where the annual strawberry feast was partaken of, a special feature in the toast list being that of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Comp. Sapsworth, who recently received distinction through his connection with the Sir Charles Bright Chapter, and Comp. Simeon Jacobs, through this chapter, severally responding.

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COCKERMOUTH.

Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The regular meeting for the installation of W.M. of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Main-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The lodge having been opened, Bro. T. Atkinson, P.S.G.O., W.M., occupied the chair, supported by his officers. The following brethren also signed the attendance book: Bro. H. Peacock, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Mason, P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; Jos. Hewson, W.M. elect; J. P. Bennett, 213; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.S. of England; Jos. O. Scott, W.M. 151, P.P.G.I. of W.; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and one brother was balloted for and accepted as a joining member. On the invitation of the W.M., Bro. Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.S. of England, P.G. Sec., took the chair as Installing Officer, to whom Bro. Jos. Hewson, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Thos. Atkinson, and was duly installed in the chair in Bro. Gardiner's usual good style. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. Thos. Atkinson, I.P.M.; Hy. Peacock, P.M., S.W.; J. Fidler, J.W.; E. L. Waugh, M.O.; W. Paisley, S.O.; F. A. Johnston, J.O.; J. P. Bennett, S.D.; J. Black, P.M., J.D.; H. Peacock, P.M., Treas.; T. Mason, P.M., Sec.; J. Towers, I.G.; and J. Mason, Tyler. Bro. Thos. Atkinson, I.P.M., P.S.G.D., gave the respective charges in a very able and impressive manner. A hearty vote of thanks was given by the brethren to Bro. Gardiner and Atkinson for the very able manner in which they conducted the ceremony of installation. It was resolved that the congratulations and "Hearty good wishes" of the members present be sent to Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M. of Faithful Lodge, P.P.G. Sec. of Cumberland and Westmorland, Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, N.S.W. There being no other business to transact, and with "Hearty good wishes" from Provincial Grand Lodge and Lodges 157 and 213, the lodge was closed.

At the invitation of the W.M. the brethren adjourned to Bro. Peacock's Globe Hotel, where a banquet was held.

The Masonic and other toasts were given and responded to, when a very pleasant evening was spent, the W.M. contributing some of his favourite songs.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. Jas. Corp, W.M.; C. F. Cox, S.W.; J. W. Drysdale, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; D. D. West, S.D.; J. Purkess, J.D.; Morriss Evans, I.G.; H. Sadler, F. Oviedo, J. W. Cooper, D. G. Imlay, Visitors: Bros. G. H. Carter, 1321, and W. H. Additon, 1603 Worcester, Cape Colony.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Crohn, which proved unanimous in favour of him as a joining member. Bro. D. G. Imlay kindly volunteering his services as the candidate, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing in a very able manner; he also gave the explana-

tion of the second tracing board. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. H. Sadler worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Bros. G. H. Carter and W. H. Additon were proposed as joining members. Bro. H. Sadler was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the third ceremony and the 6th Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, P.M., W.M.; E. Fox, S.W.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec. (pro tem.); R. Read, S.D.; Bone, J.D.; R. Phillips, I.G.; C. C. Barber, Banks, Hide, and others.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Barber offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony ably rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. At the usual rising, Bro. Fox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. W. Chappell, W.M.; E. Coleman, S.W.; S. Barrow, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Bartlett, S.D.; A. Cadbury Jones, P.M. 1441, J.D.; M. Rosenberg, I.G.; G. F. Ginder, Stwd.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; T. M. Lambie, W. Jackman, J. Milne, A. Crossingham, A. Clarke, and T. Barnett. Visitors: Bros. F. C. Watts, P.M. 91; and W. Ludham Crowe, 90.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Milne being candidate. The lodge was called off and on. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Barnett being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bros. Watts and Crowe were elected members. Bro. Coleman was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks to Bro. Chapple was passed for presiding. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. T. W. Warwick, W.M.; G. A. Bergholz, S.W.; T. W. Hambly, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Treasurer and Secretary; W. Hoggins, S.D.; A. Harris, J.D.; J. Wise, I.G.; E. J. D. Bromley, G. H. Reynolds, and R. Kirk.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. G. H. Reynolds offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. A. Harris, 2191, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. A. Bergholz, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, on the proposition of Bro. W. Hoggins, seconded by Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, Bro. G. H. Foan was unanimously elected Assistant Preceptor to the lodge of instruction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. H. Dresden, W.M.; W. G. Danby, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, S.D.; G. A. Knight, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; G. Swann, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; C. E. Betts, and C. G. Hatt.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Betts offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been duly examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Danby was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. Sims, P.M. 837, W.M.; M. Speigel, P.M. 188, S.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M. 3, J.W.; J. Davies, P.M. 169, I.P.M.; G. Gardner, P.M. 2012, Treas.; A. Williams, P.M. 2090, acting Sec.; Willcox, P.M. 975, S.D.; W. Williams, 834, J.D.; W. S. Whiteley, 2012, I.G.; W. G. Foster, Stwd.; Dehane, P.M.; Finch, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834; W. Hillier, W. Hyde, L. Lee, Bone, Dyne, T. W. Biggs, T. Barth, J. N. Baxter, Barber, R. Reid, Wilkins, R. Wimpey, Fox, and C. Woods.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The business of the evening was the working of the Fifteen Sections, which was then proceeded with as follows: First Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. W. G. Foster; 2nd, Bro. W. Hillier, S.D. 1366; 3rd, Bro. A. Williams, P.M. 2090; 4th, Bro. W. W. Williams, S.D. 834; 5th, Bro. M. Speigel, P.M. 188; 6th, Bro. J. Davies, P.M. 169; and 7th, Bro. M. Speigel, P.M. 188. Second Lecture: 1st section, Bro. A. Williams, P.M. 2090; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, Bro. J. Davies, P.M. 169; and 5th, Bro. F. Craggs, W.M. 834. Third Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. T. W. Biggs, J.D. 1275; 2nd, Bro. W. Hillier, S.D. 1366; and 3rd, Bro. W. Dyne, 834. After hearty votes of thanks to every brother who had assisted, the lodge was then closed. This was a most successful meeting, and specially notable for the excellent manner in which Bros. J. Sims and J. Davies carried out their duties.



We are asked to state that the Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction now meets on Friday evenings at eight p.m., at the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford.

The regular conclave of the St. Joseph Preceptory, Manchester, was held on Friday, the 10th inst. There was a large assembly of sir knights. Comp. J. H. Marsh was installed by Sir Knight W. H. Lean, P.E.C.

At the last meeting of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, Whitstable, Bro. John Wood, of Whitstable College, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation will take place on the second Thursday in September.

Bro. A. C. Goodinge, only son of Bro. Deputy Goodinge, P.M., is to be married to Miss Mary Draper, daughter of the late H. V. Draper, Esq., of New Bond-street, on Saturday, the 25th instant, at St. George's, Hanover-square.

On Friday morning, the 10th inst., the Empress of Germany visited Maple and Co.'s establishment in Tottenham Court-road, remaining some considerable time, making several purchases, and evincing great interest in many of the productions exhibited.

The American idea that all business should be transacted when the lodge is open on the Third Degree is gaining ground in Canada. The Grand Master of New Brunswick decided recently that "the business of a lodge had better be transacted on the M.M. Degree."

Before the departure of the Emperor and Empress of Germany from Windsor, Mr. Russell, of Baker-street, had the honour of submitting three life-size photographs which he has made from the sittings their Majesties recently gave him at Potsdam. The portraits are for the Naval and German Exhibitions.

Freemasonry does not believe that all men are free and equal. Those that are slaves to vice are certainly not free, nor are they the equals of those that are virtuous. The very fact that Freemasonry has preserved the unanimous ballot proves that she does not regard all mankind as equals, for if she did so recognise them there would be no need of a ballot.—*Keystone*.

Bro. Lord and Lady Suffield, Bro. Sir J. and Lady Puleston, and Bro. and Mrs. Tyssen-Amherst were among the guests at the wedding breakfast given by Lord and Lady Hastings at their residence in Bruton-street on the 9th inst., on the occasion of the marriage of the Hon. H. J. Astley, brother of his lordship, with Miss Sibyl Fountaine, daughter of the late Mr. Charles George Fountaine.

The publication of the Ruskin poems has again been deferred. They were promised early in the year; then it was announced that they would be kept back till July in order to secure the American copyright; and now the 1st of October has been fixed definitely for their appearance. This last delay is caused entirely by the conditions of the American Copyright Act.

The Countess of Cadogan will receive the nurses of the Royal National Pension Fund at a conversazione to be held on Thursday evening, the 23rd inst., at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, at 8 p.m., when Mr. Harry Furness will give his "Sketches of Parliament." On the 25th inst. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, as President of the Fund, will present certificates to the second thousand nurses who have joined the Fund.

The funeral of Bro. J. R. Wilkinson, of Burnside, Skipton, a member of the Craven Lodge and a prominent tradesman, took place on the 10th instant at Waltonwray's Cemetery, Skipton, the service being conducted by the Rev. H. L. Cook, rector of Skipton. The funeral was attended by a large body of Freemasons and representatives of numerous public bodies in which the deceased brother had taken great interest.

At the entertainment to be given at St. George's Hall, on the 21st inst., for the benefit of Mr. Edwin Drew, many popular artistes will appear, including Mr. Samuel Brandram, Mr. John Nash, and Miss Virginia Blackwood, the last-named of whom will appear in a new short piece by Mr. Drew, entitled "Tricking a Tec." Mr. Drew has recently recovered from a dangerous illness, and much sympathy is felt with him in the losses he has incurred.

Believers in the time-honoured tradition which associates St. Swithin, a Godly Bishop of Winchester, with 40 days of rain, will this year be inspired with sentiments of mingled satisfaction and fear. His day—July 15th—was in most places, including the Metropolis and its environs, happily free from the slightest suspicion of a shower, but here and there rain fell in considerable quantities. On what side, therefore, can St. Swithin be regarded as having cast his atmospheric influence?

The second meeting at Bisley of the National Rifle Association opened on Monday morning, one of the principal events of the day being the contest between teams from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge for the Humphrey Cup. Each team consisted of four men, and the distances shot over were 800, 900, and 1000 yards respectively, 15 shots at each range. Cambridge proved victorious by 791 points to 723—majority 68 points. There was also a contest between the Volunteers and Regulars, in which the former gained the victory by 61 points. The teams consisted of eight each, 15 shots at 800, 900, and 1000 yards each.

Additional interest was felt in this year's match at Lord's on Friday and Saturday of last week between Eton and Harrow from the fact that each school had scored 27 victories. The result, however, proved an easy win for Harrow, which sent in its opponents first, and got them all out for 125, Brewis alone, who scored 70, being able to make any stand against the Harrow bowling. Harrow compiled a total of 241 in its first innings, the first five batsmen all getting into double figures. At their second attempt Eton put together 187, Brewis (41), R. A. Studd (40) and Arkwright (28), with two others getting into double figures. This left Harrow 72 to win, which they did with seven wickets to spare, Bosworth-Smith and Pope being not out with 28 and 12 respectively to their credit.

About 80,000 flowers were exhibited at the floral fête and rose fair held yesterday at the Crystal Palace in aid of the Gardeners' Orphan Fund.

For many years the Prince of Wales has been accustomed to visit Homburg at the end of the season, going through the full process of "the cure." His Royal Highness has been advised this year to try Carlsbad.

To-morrow (Saturday) what is known as Hospital Saturday Fund will be raised, when as many as 2300 lady collectors will take positions in the Metropolitan thoroughfares.

The Masons of Canada will celebrate the Centennial of Freemasonry in Canada in 1892. They are making arrangements to have a celebration worthy the dignity of the Craft, and similar to that of New York some years ago.

The celebration of the centenary of Mozart's death began yesterday at Salzburg, the Alpine town in which he was born. The house was handsomely decorated, and a Requiem was performed in the cathedral.

The annual summer fête will be celebrated at the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood, on Thursday, the 23rd inst. As usual, a round of entertainments will be provided on the occasion for the amusement of the visitors and the inmates.

Bro. the Earl of Cork, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnclyffe, and Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Raincliff were among those present at the concert given by the Duchess of Newcastle at her residence in Hill-street on Tuesday evening.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Halsbury entertained the Duke and Duchess of Teck at dinner on Monday, among the guests invited to meet her Royal Highness and her husband being Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnclyffe and Bro. the Earl of Arran and the Lady Esther Gore.

This year the Foresters will hold their annual congress in London. Bro. the Lord Mayor, who is himself a Forester, proposes entertaining the members at a conversazione at the Mansion House. The other functions already arranged include a service at St. Paul's Cathedral, when a sermon will be preached by the Primate.

Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire, as H.M.'s Inspector of Schools, and according to his annual custom, entertained a large number of teachers in the hall of Christ Church, on the 4th instant. Bro. Pickard, in the course of a short address, announced that acting on medical advice he would be compelled to leave England during the winter, and that he had obtained leave of absence from the Education Department for six months from November next. Bro. Pickard will time his departure to enable him to attend Grand Chapter on the 4th November. He proposes to visit the Cape of Good Hope, New Zealand, and Australia, and to return to Oxford in May 1892. We trust Bro. Pickard will not only avoid the ills of our English climate during that time, but gain much benefit and pleasure from his trip.

The Special Committee of the Privy Council gave judgment on Monday practically in favour of the petition for creating a new Teaching University in London. The claims of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons to control the new University were disallowed, but it was suggested that if they desired to come into the scheme later they should be allowed to nominate six members of the council. The claims from other bodies were also held to be admissible.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Sheriff Farmer, and Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, laid the foundation-stone of a new settlement in Bermondsey, which is part of a scheme started two years since by Wesleyan members of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and Edinburgh, to provide a centre for religious, social, and educational work in South-East London. The total cost of the new building is estimated at £12,000, towards which £7000 has already been promised.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., several members of the Masonic literary Lodge, the Quatuor Coronati, had their annual outing. The train stopped at Sole Street, and the party proceeded to Cobham Church, where the brasses were inspected, and a paper read on them and the building by Bro. W. M. Bywater; thence to the Leather Bottle, associated with Dickens, followed by a four-mile walk through Cobham Park to Rochester to inspect the castle and the cathedral. At the latter the Rev. Fielding read a paper, and Bro. H. Lovegrove made some remarks on the former roof.

The Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (No. 129S) Masonic Benevolent Association, which meets at the Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, has met with such encouraging success during its first and second terms (nearly £2000 having been subscribed for the Masonic Charities) that a third Association has been formed, and we understand over 60 names were given in before the circulars were issued. One good feature in this Association is that no expenses of any kind have been paid out of the funds. The Secretary is Bro. P. M. Black, 29, Ashmead-road, St. Johns.

THE FREEMASONS OF HYDERABAD AND H.H. THE NIZAM.—This part of the Deccan seems to be making fair progress towards the furtherance of the Masonic Craft, writes a Chudderghaut correspondent. Secunderabad itself, the military cantonment, can well boast of three lodges, and Chudderghaut has one. There appears to be no doubt that goodwill and order prevail, for on the night of Friday last, at a Masonic banquet this has been fully exemplified. The Worshipful Master, the very first Mahomedan-elect who was installed in that Degree of Lodge No. 1444 (E.C.), some time in March last, felt it binding on the part of the Fraternity to recognise the ruler of these vast domains, and, therefore, at the banquet on the night of Friday last, after the usual Constitutional toasts (viz., of "Her Majesty the Queen-Empress of India and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of Freemasonry in the World") that of "H.H. the Nizam" was proposed, and, to say the least, was most loyally and cheerfully pledged by the brethren of the mystic tie, thus, while fully recognising the Great Architect in creating and building up the true life in man, was duly acknowledged. Considering the population of this city, and the fact of a number of his Highness's noblemen and officers residing therein, who are members of the ancient Order, it is most desirable that another lodge should be soon established in the city itself.—*Bombay Gazette Summary*, June 12th.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress attended the Thanksgiving service at the Foundling Hospital on Sunday. The preacher was the Bishop of Ripon.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale returned to Marlborough House from Windsor on Tuesday afternoon, and proceeded thence to York, where his regiment (the 10th Hussars) is quartered.

According to the *New York Dispatch*, the outlook for the Templar Order in Canada is not encouraging, and may well cause anxiety to all thoughtful fratres. Since the death of Col. Moore the petty jealousies of office-seekers and the disturbing ritual question seem to have exhausted all the vitality left in the fraternity.

The marriage of the Hon. G. W. Hely-Hutchinson, youngest brother of Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, with Grace, widow of Mr. John Charters, of Petre Hall, Coventry, was solemnised in All Saints' Church, Ennismore-gardens, on Tuesday.

Prince George of Wales was entertained at a farewell dinner at Admiralty House, Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 10th instant, a very large number of guests being invited to meet his Royal Highness. The Thrush, of which the Prince is Commander, is now on its voyage home to England.

The Duchess of St. Albans, Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper, Lord and Lady Rothschild, and Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress dined with the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, having been invited with others to meet the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne.

M. Isidore de Lara's stage version of "The Light of Asia" will, according to present arrangements, be produced at the Royal Italian Opera on Monday—a date which, unfortunately, clashes with the production of Professor Stanford's new cantata, "The Battle of the Baltic," at the final Richter concert. "The Light of Asia," the libretto of which has been arranged from Sir Edwin Arnold's poem by Mr. Beattie Kingston, will, however, be repeated later in the week. The opera season will end on Monday week, when an extra performance will, in all probability, be given of "Otello."

The annual excursion of Guy's Lodge, No. 395, took place on the 7th inst., when the members journeyed by coach to Compton Winnyates. The Edge-hills were reached about noon and luncheon served at the Round House, after which the drive was continued to Compton Winnyates. Before entering the house the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. F. Glover, read a most interesting paper upon its history, and pointed out the most important parts of the exterior. Entering the house the party were received by the courteous house steward, who conducted them over every portion of the remarkable and unique interior, the antiquity and novelty of which excited the greatest interest. The road home lay through Kineton, Compton Verney, Wellesbourne, Barford, and Warwick, and Leamington was reached about eight o'clock, the weather throughout having been delightfully fine, with the exception of one or two slight showers. The brethren dined on their return at the Masonic Rooms, when a vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Fayerman, for so successfully making all the arrangements.

The members and friends of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, held their annual picnic at the Grapes Hotel, Freshfield, on the 11th inst. The weather was all that could be desired for the occasion, and the drive to the scene of the day's outing was thoroughly appreciated. Throughout the afternoon bowling and other amusements were engaged in, and everyone who accompanied the picnic seemed to enjoy the holiday. At half-past four the excursionists sat down to a capital tea, excellently served by those belonging to the building. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. Dr. Crozier, W.M.; G. C. Lunt, P.M.; F. Ewart, P.M.; J. Ulsworth, P.M.; J. Evans, S.W.; G. Winn, P.M.; G. G. Coope, I.P.M.; F. Garrett, J.W.; J. Lawson, S.D.; and G. Young, J.D. The various arrangements for the success of the picnic were admirably carried out by Bros. J. Hughes and G. Winn.

The Emperor of Germany must have been well satisfied with the reception he met with during his ten days' visit to this country. At the same time he must, we imagine, have had a tolerably warm time of it, considering the number of engagements that were crowded into each day. But the chief event undoubtedly, from a national point of view, was the welcome extended to him on the 10th instant by the Corporation of London. On his way to the Guildhall the cheers of a countless throng of spectators greeted him along the whole line of route, while Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, the Sheriffs, and the City Magnates generally mustered in full force in the Library, where the address was presented, and in the fine old Hall itself, where the interchange of courtesies was completed at a sumptuous luncheon. On Saturday the review of regulars and volunteers at Wimbledon passed off in a manner which reflects especial credit on the force assembled, and was followed by an equally successful review of Fire Brigades in the grounds of the Crystal Palace. The visit to Hatfield on Sunday to the chief country seat of our Prime Minister was a stately, but comparatively quiet, engagement which, after a whole week's festivities and public displays must have been thoroughly enjoyed by their Imperial Majesties. On Monday the august party travelled to Windsor and took leave of the Queen, after which the Empress started for Felixstowe, where her children are sojourning, while the Emperor left for Leith to embark on his yacht, the Hohenzollern, for a cruise in northern latitudes. We should think, too, that the members of our Royal Family must be equally well pleased that such a round of State and semi-State luncheons, dinners, receptions, reviews, &c., has at length come to an end. Even Emperors and Princes must need a respite after such a series of functions as occupied them from the beginning to the end of last week.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Self Help.—Prior to the discovery of these remedies an easy, ready, and reliable remedy for outward disfigurements and inward complications was practically speaking unknown. No one need now be at a loss if they should unfortunately suffer from piles, ulcers, sores, tumours, boils, bruises, sprains, &c. Enveloping Holloway's medicines are very intelligible printed directions for using them, which should be attentively read and immediately followed by all who resort to his treatment. Sooner or later the sufferer will assuredly triumph over the worst diseases. This searching Ointment dispels all those malignant humours which aggravate diseases of the skin, prevent the cicatrization of ulcers, and excite inflammatory tendencies in the system.