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THE Roman Colleges, or Guilds of Craftsmen, were part and parcel of their general and municipal system. They were in full vigour in Italy, and accompanied, the Roman legions, and were re-developed in the Roman colonies. They seem to have existed for several purposes. As Guilds of Craftsmen (*collegia opificum*), they were governed by distinct laws and special enactments. They had a head who was probably elected for five years, and a large array of officers, whose official names are recorded in the inscription preserved by GRUTER and SPON, and in other works, and which it is needless to repeat here. In all state processions and proceedings they took a share, and may be said to have formed part in an official relationship with the great body politic of the Roman Government. They also had a system of mutual relief and aid. They seem to have had colleges for the instruction of the young, and pensions for the solace of the old. They had days of regular meeting and special seasons of assembly and commemoration. These legal bodies, as often happens, either by the strictness of their laws of admission or other causes, gave rise in the process of time to illegal bodies, and the Roman laws refer to the "*collegia licita*" and "*illicita*" as an existing fact. In TRAJAN'S letter to PLINY often quoted, evidence is found of the jealousy and fear then engendered either by the power or the interference of these colleges, not only in respect of their own special work, but as a focus of conspiracy and mutiny against the State. Originally they probably settled their own arrangements, for labour and remuneration, and, being numerous and organized, a sort of Trades Union in fact, they would be able to demand and obtain what they themselves asked for. Their meetings were apparently secret, but as nightly assemblies were forbidden by the laws, so their feasts and festivals were probably alone nocturnal. But here we stop; a veil hangs over their inner life and organization, which it seems now impossible to lift. Some rules remain, but they are principally sumptuary, pointing, indeed, to the fact of the existence of a powerful organization, but giving us no glimpses of any secret ceremonial or inner usages. We think, for instance, they prove to-day, that there were honorary and actual members, a system of mutual help and pecuniary relief, attendance at funerals, and certain compulsory assemblies for the rejoicing or reception of members. It has been said by others that they had ceremonies and rude forms of initiation, but no certain authority for such a statement remains. They adopted the working tools of Masonry for their tombstones, and both the Pentalfa and Hexapla have been found. It is said that at Pompeii the square Masonic cipher is found, all apparently pointing to an esoteric system. If these rules prove, as we said before, apparently the system of secrecy in their official gatherings, this fact has been controverted by some, on this ground, that the secrecy was only the normal usage of similar societies, and the expression and representation of actual membership. If the theory be correct which represents Lombardic, Gaulish, and Teutonic Guilds all proceeding from a common stock, the Roman Colleges, and after the fall of the Roman Empire, migrating and settling in other localities and reproducing a system of secrecy, relief, and fraternity, it would be most interesting, if it were possible, to identify such a state of things with that of the old colleges, just as it would be important to ascertain whether, under the influences of Christianity, the Guilds took a new departure, assumed new features, and, under the rising influence of the conventual system, then taking a great spring, adapted themselves to the needs of the times, and the new conditions of life in the world. On this point very little seems clear, and we have to rely, for the most part, on the ingenious theories of able writers, or a fancy picture of what their history probably was, or ought to have been. The Roman occupation of Britain may be said to have finally ceased in the fourth century, and we know they had colleges of Craftsmen in England, traces of which have been found in Bath and Chichester, and equally too Guilds were both of Saxon and Danish use. In the seventh century Gaulish Masons, to do Roman work in the Roman way, came from Gaul, and it is probable, as has been averred, that both AUGUSTINE and BENEDICT BISCOP, and WILFRED, and others, brought Roman workmen also direct

from Rome. But what their connection with the old Roman Colleges was, is "*quod probandum est.*" We may believe they came from a common origin, from bodies of Craftsmen organized and assembled in the special form of colleges, with definite laws, a legal existence, and an admitted corporate constitution. But we cannot say more, and any arguments based on the continuity and perpetuity of the Roman Colleges as absorbed by or transformed into the early building Guilds, must be put forward cautiously, as resting for the most part only on supposition and probability. Assuming the fact of this descent and connection, a curious question has always supervened here for those who have thought over the subject. How did the Roman Guilds, if they had them, obtain that Hebraic colouring and those Hebraic traditions which so conspicuously mark the Guild traditions? FINDEL saw the "*crux*," and, while admitting the similarity, claimed the twelfth century for the rise of the Masonic legends, as controlled and developed by the Monastic Order, and principally the Reveder force. OLIVER, at an early period, had found what a difficulty existed, scientifically and historically, as to the connection between these sodalities and the mysteries, and so propounded his famous theory of true and spurious Freemasonry; but as he did not care apparently to decide where the true, in contradistinction to the false, was preserved, and how, his ingenious attempted solution of an admitted *crux* fell to the ground at once. Before the fall of the Roman Empire, many forms of religion, extern to Roman mythology, had found admission, and a "*jus vivendi*," at Rome. The temples of Isis and the caverns of Mithras were there amid the "*peregrine religiones*" tolerated by the State. There was a large colony of Hebrews from Palestine, and as it is more than probable that there was a meeting point as between Hebrew and other bodies of builders in some mysteries more than others, which preserved more distinctly the "*primæva religio*." After the fall of Rome, these bodies probably received a new direction and adapted themselves to new conditions of teaching and object, and thus these biblical legends naturally became, by the mere process of acceptance, adaptation, and assimilation, the distinctive if secret teaching of these reformed and reorganized colleges, guilds, and confraternities. But still, as we said before, much even of this is only probability and possibility, not certainty or actuality as demonstrable by the accurate and safer facts of actual and expert history. There is much to be said "*pro and con*," and if we cannot speak affirmatively or decidedly, without some necessary caution and reticence, we gain another proof, if proof be required by any student, how remarkably interesting is that wide expanse over which the history of Freemasonry travels, and how much there is in such considerations and studies to interest the student, the archæologist, and the historian.

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WE understand there has been lately in the ranks of the Primrose League a strong feeling of consternation at a statement attributed to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Nottingham, to the effect that that most reputable body is a secret society, like Freemasonry, and inferentially that it deserves to be stigmatised as a society to which no one of position or self-respect would dream of belonging. We have become so accustomed to this kind of condemnation, that papistical attacks on our worthy Craft pass quite unheeded. But the Primrose League is a new organisation, which has hardly as yet had time to determine what are its precise nature and position in reference to the Civil Power. Moreover, there are, it seems, Dames as well as Knights of the Primrose, and the former are no doubt a little timid, especially those among them who happen to be members of the Romish Church, as to remaining longer on the roll of a Society which has been anathematised by a Romish Ecclesiastic. In these circumstances, it must be allowed that the *Tablet* has done a graceful act in tendering to the perturbed Knights and Dames of the Primrose the comforting assurance that their rules and regulations are perfectly harmless, and do not justify the idea that the Primrose League is a Secret Society within the meaning of the Act against such bodies, or even in the same sense as that terrible Craft of Freemasonry, of which, in the opinion of Holy Mother Church, as expounded by Romish Hierarchs, it is impossible to speak in terms of too severe condemnation. The *Tablet* further suggests that possibly too strained and serious an interpretation may have been put on the statements of the Bishop of NOTTINGHAM. On this point we are incompetent to offer any opinion, as we have not read them. However, if it will assist in mitigating the alarm of the Primrose members, we have much pleasure in declaring that, as the Primrose League is a political Society, it can have nothing in common with Freemasonry; that if it had anything in common with Freemasonry, it would have every reason to be proud of its resemblance to the latter; and by way of accentuating these glad tidings, that many of the most prominent among the Primrose Knights are likewise among the most prominent and respected members of our Society.

INSTANCES of longevity are certain to attract to themselves a considerable amount of notice, especially if they happen to be associated with people who have been born great, have achieved greatness, or had greatness thrust upon them. A case in point is that of the late Bro. Sir MOSES MONTEFIORE, who died, some two months since, at the advanced age of 100 years; but of whom it may be said that such was the excellence of his life, and such and so many the good works he had accomplished, that had he passed away at 60, instead of 100 years, there would have been exhibited the same universal regret for his loss. Three other cases have occurred within the last few weeks of prominent persons dying, who had long since exceeded the ordinary span of human life, the most conspicuous being that of the Rev. GEORGE ELWES CORRIE, D.D., Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, who died, on Sunday last, in the 93rd year of his age. Dr. CORRIE's grandfather was present at the battle of Culloden, fought in 1746, and is said to have personally described to his grandson the details of that ever-memorable engagement. Now, if we assume—and there is nothing unreasonable in the assumption—that CORRIE (grandfather) was about 25 years of age at the time of the said battle, or, in other words, was born in, or about, the year 1721, we shall find that the period intervening between his birth and the death of his grandson, during the current week, embraces pretty nearly the whole career of our Modern or Speculative system of Freemasonry, as established by the "Four Old Lodges," in 1717. Thus the reverend deceased of Sunday last conversed in his early youth with one who was not improbably an infant—who may have even already been promoted from petticoats to breeches—when Grand Master PAYNE was issuing his Regulations, and ANDERSON was on the point of receiving his commission to compile our earliest Book of Constitutions; when JOHN Duke of MONTAGU, the first nobleman elected to the office since 1717—was installed Grand Master—indeed, if in London he may have been taken to see Grand Lodge marching in procession from the Queen's Arms Tavern, in St. Paul's Churchyard, to Stationers' Hall, where his grace was formally inducted into office by his immediate predecessor, PAYNE, and Past Grand Master, Dr. DESAGULIERS, delivered an eloquent oration in honour of the event. He may, too, have seen the funeral procession which accompanied the remains of Sir CHRISTOPHER WREN—who is claimed to have been Grand Master of Masons before 1717—to their last resting-place in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, while if we suppose that he had any inclination to hear the preaching and teaching celebrities of our Metropolis, it needs no stretch of the imagination to suppose that Dr. CORRIE's grandfather may have heard ANDERSON discoursing theology from his presbyterian pulpit in London, or Dr. DESAGULIERS delivering one of his popular lectures on physics. All these things are reasonably possible in the case of the gallant soldier of Culloden, who in his old age described the incidents of the battle to his youthful grandson, deceased only on Sunday last, as Master of one of our Cambridge Colleges. We are not aware that Dr. CORRIE was a Freemason, and we have not, therefore, been led into this train of thought by any incident in his career that is likely to be of exceptional interest to our Fraternity; but the course of our reflections is the more natural if it is borne in mind—as we have already been at the pains of pointing out—that the period comprised between the death of Dr. CORRIE and the birth of his grandfather is as nearly as possible contemporaneous with that which has seen the birth and progress of our present system of Freemasonry.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held on Monday at the Elementary School, Lostwithiel, and was very largely attended—the school-room proving, in fact, to be totally inadequate to accommodate the brethren. The meeting was held under the banner of the Restormel Lodge, No. 856, which was formed in 1861, and now meets in the old "Duchy Palace." As there had not been a Provincial Grand Lodge held at Lostwithiel since the installation of the former Prov. Grand Master (R.W. Bro. Augustus Smith), the brethren of the Restormel Lodge made every arrangement for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge; but they unfortunately underestimated the number which would attend. The schoolroom was decorated for the occasion, and, so far as circumstances would permit, it was fitted up as completely as possible as a lodgeroom. At the gate was erected a small arch of evergreens, &c., with the Cornish arms and motto—"One and All." The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, was supported by Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D. of England; Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, Bart., Dep. Prov. Grand Master; Wm. E. Michell, P.M. 1528, P.P.G.S.W., as G.S.W., in the absence of Bro. the Hon. and the Rev. G. T. Boscawen, P.M. 699; Henry Martin Harvey, P.M. 789, G.J.W.; and others.

The roll of lodges having been called, the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY said he was glad to report that every lodge was represented. (Applause.) The Prov. G.S. then presented his annual report, which stated that there was again a decrease in the total number of subscribing members caused by a large number being returned as in arrear. The number returned up to the 31st December last was 1473, as against 1507 the previous year, although the initiations last year were 92. There were 107 names in arrear, and he must impress upon Masters of lodges the illegality of appointing brethren to office who were in arrear. (Applause.) Since the last Provincial Lodge the foundation-stone of a new hall for Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, had been laid by V.W. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, D.P.G.M. He regretted to say that there had been some delay in sending in the returns of the lodges, one lodge being especially late, and thus the publication of the Directory was delayed. The province was again indebted to Bro. Hughan for editing the Directory, which was so full of valuable information. He was astonished to hear that a W.M. had, within a few weeks of his installation, resigned the membership of his lodge for no apparent reason whatever, because it was most un-Masonic, and the brother had not kept his obligation. (Applause.)

The P.G. MASTER expressed a hope that the Masters of lodges would see that their returns were sent in more regularly. He was glad to see

Bro. Hughan with them that day. (Cheers.) It certainly seemed most unaccountable that a brother should accept the office of W.M., and then in so short a time give up the management of the lodge, and he hoped such a thing would never occur again. (Cheers.) The Secretary's report was received and adopted.

In the absence of the P.G. Treas., Bro. Francis Boase, through indisposition, the SECRETARY read the statement of accounts. The year was commenced with a balance of £198, which with £162 fees received from 29 lodges in the province, £20 as fees of honour and sundry other items, brought the total receipts up to £393 16s. 2d. Fifty guineas had been granted to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Widows; 50 guineas to the Girls' Masonic School, and Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund; £20 to relieve two distressed brothers, and after paying the expenses of the province there was a balance in hand of about £171. (Applause.)

The P.G. MASTER thought the report of a very gratifying character. (Applause.)

The report was received and adopted.

W. Bro. T. CHIRGWIN, Treasurer of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, reported that the subscriptions for the year amounted to £164 15s., being a decrease of over £18 over the amount received last year. There was a balance at the bank of £297 9s. 7d., and they had, with the sum in the bank, an invested capital of £3887 15s., being an increase in the capital of £125 12s. 2d. since last year. (Applause.) There were four male annuitants, each receiving £20 per annum, and there were three female annuitants, two were in receipt of £20, and the other £10 a year. Two of the educational grants expired this year. There were three others of £15 a year, each one of them expiring in 1886. No petition had been received for any fresh educational grant.

In answer to the PROV. GRAND MASTER, W. Bro. CHIRGWIN said they would be in a position next year to make four educational grants out of the fund. (Applause.)

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read the report of the Committee of Relief, which stated that £2, temporary relief, had been granted to a brother at Falmouth. They recommended a grant of £20 to a brother of the Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, and that £10 be given to the widow of a brother at St. Ives. Another sad appeal came too late for Prov. G. Lodge from a brother at Tywardreath, but a grant of £2 temporary relief was made. Since then the brother had died. The widow and children were quite destitute, and, although contrary to bye-laws, the Committee, under the circumstances, recommended a grant of £10. The Committee further recommended that in future £5 be granted instead of £2 to relieve necessitous cases. The report was agreed to.

W. Bro. C. TRUSCOTT, P.P.G.J.W., the Manager of the votes in the Central Masonic Charities, presented his annual report. He was pleased to report that they had succeeded in carrying all the candidates that they had brought forward, and, thanks to the liberal response of the lodges and brethren to the appeal made to them on behalf of the Charities, a considerable increase had been made to their voting list. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held in February last, when London, represented by 164 Stewards, contributed £9675 7s., and the provinces, represented by 186 Stewards, contributed £7825 10s., making a total by 350 Stewards of £17,500 17s. 8d. The 97th Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held in May, when London, through 131 Stewards, contributed £6226 14s. 6d., and the provinces, through 142 Stewards, £7960 17s.; a total, through 273 Stewards, of £14,187 11s. 6d. The 87th Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held in June, when London, with 119 Stewards, contributed £5092, and the provinces, with 156 Stewards, £6655, making a total, through 275 Stewards, of £11,748. The grand totals for the above Institutions were—London, £20,944 18s. 6d., and the provinces, £22,441 19s. 8d.; total, £43,436 18s. 2d., being a decrease on last year from London of £1440 6s., and increase from the provinces of £3135. (Applause.) His appeal to the various lodges and brethren had been liberally responded to, and had presented from Cornwall to the Benevolent Institution, £226 18s., and to Girls' School, £210; total £436 18s. He took that opportunity of tendering his best thanks to those lodges and brethren for their kind support, which had materially strengthened the list of votes. At the Boys' Election they had a candidate, the son of a late brother at Helston, and he was happy to report his election with 1780 votes, being fifteenth on the list of the 26 successful. They had two candidates for the Benevolent Institution, and he was pleased to report that they were successful in both cases, getting them twentieth and twenty-first on the list. They had, until recently, on the respective Institutions two girls, one boy, five old Masons receiving £40 per annum, and five widows receiving £32 per annum. Owing to the death of a Fowey brother, the number of old Masons had been reduced to four. Bro. G. B. Pearce, P.M. 450, would introduce that day a Charity organisation scheme, to which he trusted they would give the best consideration. Some seemed to think it would injure the present organisation; but instead of so doing, it would greatly assist it, and he trusted that Bro. Pearce's scheme might be carried unanimously, as it deserved to be. He regretted that the voting papers had not been sent to him so promptly as he should wish, and he should feel extremely obliged if for the future the brethren would send to him immediately they received them. In conclusion, he tendered his thanks to the lodges and brethren for their kind support in both votes and contributions during the past year, which he trusted they would continue to accord, as it was only by combined efforts that they could obtain satisfactory results. (Applause.)

In reply to the PROV. GRAND MASTER, Bro. TRUSCOTT said they would not be able to present any candidates this year, as they had to pay back something like 1508 votes.

Controller BAKE said Bro. Truscott was entitled to the thanks of the province for the way in which he had managed the votes. (Applause.)

The report was adopted.

Bro. GILBERT B. PEARCE, P.M. 450, P.P.G.S. of Works, moved:—"That it is desirable to establish in this province a Charity Association, to be named the 'Cornwall Masonic Charity Association.' That a preliminary Committee, consisting of five or more brethren, kindly nominated by the Prov. Grand Master, be appointed to bring the objects of the association before the different lodges of the province, and to obtain subscribers. That the working expenses be defrayed out of the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and that it be an understanding that the votes so obtained for the 'Central Masonic Charities' be utilised on behalf of the province, in accordance with the present custom." Bro. Pearce entered into lengthy details of this scheme. The object of the resolution was to increase subscribers to central Masonic Charities, and thus increase the voting power of

the province. (Hear, hear.) By forming such an association a brother, instead of paying £5 5s. down, might subscribe a guinea a year for five years, and thus become a Life Subscriber to one of the Masonic Charities. (Applause.)

W. Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, in seconding the resolution, expressed the belief that by adopting this system they would double the list of their subscribers. (Applause.)

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Prov. G.M. then nominated the preliminary Committee, to consist of the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. *ex officio*, W. Bros. Chirgwin, R. Carter Milford Cock, F. Harvey, S. G. Bake, C. Truscott, T. A. Courtney, J. Jose, J. Lovell, jun., Anderton, Treasurer; and Pearce, Secretary. This was agreed to.

W. Bro. CHIRGWIN proposed that the Committee prepare rules and take the necessary steps to form an association, and to bring the subject before lodges or the province to obtain subscribers. This was also resolved upon.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY said they had £100 to vote away for charitable purposes, and he moved that £25 be granted to the Cornwall Masonic Annuitant Fund, and the remaining portion, £75, between Controllor Bake, Steward of the Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Truscott, of the Boys' School. (Applause.)

V.W. Bro. HUGHAN seconded the motion, which was carried.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY said the Treasurer of the Truro Cathedral Masonic Fund was not able to appear, but the total sum received amounted to £483, and of this £350 had been invested in Consols and the remainder placed in the bank; £71 which had been promised had not been paid, and other sums had since been received, which brought the total fund up to about £570 or £580.

The PROV. G. MASTER said no other suggestion had been proposed than that made at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, that the money should be spent in erecting one of the large central piers in the Cathedral, which would cost about £500. (Hear, hear.) All the internal fittings of the Cathedral were being provided by the ladies of the county, and he was pleased to say that they were getting on very well. (Applause.) As they laid the first stone he thought they could not do better than give something towards the actual structure. (Hear, hear.) He thought there was no objection to the proposition that they should pay for one of the piers of the great tower, and affix a brass plate thereto stating how much was subscribed by Masons. (Hear, hear.) They hoped by next year to have the Cathedral open for service. (Applause.)

The PROV. G. MASTER then spoke of a presentation of a jewel, which it was intended to have made at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, to Bro. William Tweedy, P.M. 331, P.P.G.S.W., but which was deferred until that day on account of his not being present. He regretted to say that Bro. Tweedy's health had entirely broken down, and the jewel had been formally presented to Bro. Tweedy. It was a very handsome jewel, and was a fac simile of the one presented to Sir John St. Aubyn, P.G.M., in 1876, but he was sorry to say that the probabilities were that Bro. Tweedy would not be able to wear it many times.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY said the jewel cost 20 guineas, and with the balance in hand they handed ten guineas to the Charities for Life Governorship in Bro. Tweedy's name. He suggested that the small balance of 16s. 6d. in the hands of the Secretary, Bro. Watkins, should be handed over to the Cornwall Masonic Annuitant Fund.

This was assented to.

Bros. William Tweedy, P.M. 33, P.P.G.S.W., was elected Treasurer; T. Chirgwin, P.M. 131, P.P.G.S.W., Secretary; James C. R. Crewes, P.M. 131, P.P.G.A.D.C., Asst. Sec.; Norman Gray, P.M. 967, and S. Holloway, P.M. 131, P.P.G.J.D., Auditors to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund.

On the proposition of Bro. HUGHAN it was decided to give Bro. T. Gill £20 per year instead of £10 as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Bro. Wm. Rowe, P.M. 330, P.P.G.D.C., was unanimously elected Treasurer of the province.

On the proposition of Bro. G. B. PEARCE, seconded by Bro. Controllor BAKE, Bros. R. A. Courtney, P.M. 510, P.P.G.S.D.; and E. Milford Cock, P.M. 589, P.P.G.J.D., were appointed Auditors.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the following brethren as his officers:—

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| Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.M. 330 | D. Prov. G.M.     |
| Dr. Alex. B. Cheves, P.M. 893                        | Prov. G.S.W.      |
| T. Hicks, P.M. 1529                                  | Prov. G.J.W.      |
| Rev. E. K. Kendall, P.M. 677                         | Prov. G. Chap.    |
| Edward Poor, P.M. 1136                               | Prov. G.S.D.      |
| E. Scantlebury, P.M. 856                             | Prov. G.J.D.      |
| Wm. Rowe, P.M. 330                                   | Prov. G. Treas.   |
| Ed. D. Anderton, P.M. 331                            | Prov. G. Sec.     |
| Wm. Bailey, P.M. 1544                                | Prov. G.A. Sec.   |
| J. T. Short, P.M. 1272                               | Prov. G.S. of W.  |
| A. Brickwood Hutchings, P.M. 893                     | Prov. G. Reg.     |
| T. A. Kistler, P.M. 589                              | Prov. G. Ord.     |
| R. Lean, P.M. 131                                    | Prov. G.D. of C.  |
| J. Dawe, P.M. 970                                    | Prov. G.A.D.C.    |
| Frank Bray, P.M. 1785                                | Prov. G. Purst.   |
| W. Rooks   | Prov. G.A. Purst. |
| W. F. Creber, P.M. 1164                              | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| T. Rickard, P.M. 967                                 | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| G. H. Baynes Reed, W.M. 75                           | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| H. Jones, P.M. 1954                                  | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| A. Luke, P.M. 977                                    |                   |
| J. W. Higman, P.M. 496                               |                   |
| J. Reynolds, P.M. 331                                |                   |
| George Morgan, P.M. 557                              |                   |
| R. Adams, P.M. 330                                   | Prov. G. Tyler.   |
| C. E. Browne, 356                                    |                   |

The Committee of Relief was re-elected, with the addition of Bro. W. D. Rogers, P.M. 75.

It was reported that the collection in the church amounted to £8 14s. 10d., two-fifths of which were apportioned to the East Cornwall Hospital; two-fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund; and one-fifth to the vicar.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY reported that Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, Camborne, had sent an invitation for the Provincial Grand Lodge to visit that town next year, and the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, St. Columb, for the following year.

Bro. BAYNES REED, 75, asked the Prov. Grand Master to come to Fal-mouth next year, when he could dedicate the new Masonic Hall.

Bro. BAILEY supported the application of Camborne.

The Prov. Grand Master deferred his decision.

The following were appointed to revise the bye-laws, and bring up a report at the next meeting:—Bros. Chirgwin, Hughan, Lovell, Tilly, and W. J. Johns, with the Treasurer and Secretary *ex-officio* members.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

In the middle of the business the whole of the brethren, headed by the band of the Volunteers, marched in full regalia to the church, where Bro. the Rev. E. P. Kendall preached an excellent sermon.

The brethren subsequently dined together at the Royal Talbot Hotel, the esteemed Prov. Grand Master in the chair.

### THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, the 16th inst., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Worcestershire was held at the Masonic Hall, Mill-street, Kidderminster, the Provincial Grand Master, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., presiding. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. A. F. Godson, was also present, as well as about 150 brethren.

All the lodges in the province were represented, namely: Harmonic, Dudley; Worcester, Worcester; Hope and Charity, Kidderminster; Royal Standard, Dudley; Semper Fidelis, Worcester; Vernon, Stourport; Stability, Stourbridge; Perseverance, Halesowen; St. Michael, Tenbury; Royds, Malvern; Lechmere, Kidderminster; and Maysfield, Mosley.

Among those present, in support of the Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, were:

- Bros. G. W. Grosvenor, P.G.S.W.; J. E. Stone, P.G.J.W.; Randle Buck, P.P.G.S.W.; G. R. Godson, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. Black, P.G.C.; A. Brown, P.G.T.; H. Wilson, P.G.R.; C. E. Bloomer, P.P.G.R.; J. Fitzgerald, P.P.G.R.; E. Warner, P.P.G.R.; G. Taylor, P.G.S.; J. Foley, P.G.S.D.; R. G. Walker, P.G.J.D.; G. J. Westbury, P.P.G.D.; H. Rowe, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Joseland, P.P.G.S.W.; F. H. Lingham, J. Mason, T. F. Bland, R. Broomhall, T. Price, G. R. Green, T. H. Lloyd, G. Brown, R. Underwood, D. Mackay, A. Mynett, J. Wade, J. Dugard, S. Tyler, G. Holdsworth, H. Satchell, Rev. A. B. Timbrell, F. Garner, H. Taylor, H. Preen, Rev. Carey Walters, R. Woodward, G. T. Owen, T. M. Candless, E. J. Chambers, E. Pewtress, E. Lay, C. Mytton, R. Preen, J. Jones, A. Comber, W. Wood, J. Aston, T. Taylor, J. Pinney, J. M. Gething, T. J. Underwood, D. Dawes, G. W. Lees, J. Fisher, W. Otley, J. Bellingham, J. H. Cooksey, S. Taylor, M. Smith, G. Morrison, F. Hoult, W. Dorsett, W. C. Awdry, J. H. Pigott, T. Coall, A. Marsh, W. H. Talbot, F. W. Knott, J. W. Consterdine Chadwick, and others.

A Craft lodge having been opened by Bro. J. Elgood, W.M. of the Hope and Charity Lodge, No. 377, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers entered the lodge, and having been received with the customary honours, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The muster roll of lodges was called, and apologies for absence read. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts showed that the balance on the Fund of Benevolence amounted to £84 16s., and on the Fund for General Purposes to £2 3s. 3d. They were adopted.

Bro. Albert Brown, of Malvern, was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

A report as to the state of Masonry in the province showing a nett increase in the number of members was read.

The report of the Benevolent Committee showed that no application had been made on the local funds, but grants amounting to £250 had been made by the Board of Benevolence in connection with the Grand Lodge of England to six applicants from Worcestershire during the past year.

Three members of the Benevolent Committee were appointed, viz.: Bros. Beauchamp, 280, C. Mytton, 560, and H. Berry.

The sixth annual report of the Charity Committee, of which we shall take more particular notice next week, was read.

The next business being the election of Charity Secretary for the ensuing year,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he rose with mingled feelings to refer to a subject which had been exercising his mind for some time past. He had been pained to receive the resignation of Bro. G. Taylor, not only as Charity Secretary, but as Prov. Grand Secretary, the heavy business engagements of that brother enforcing this action. The P.G.M. paid an eloquent tribute to the talents of Bro. Taylor and all the work he had so ably carried out in the province. The calamity of losing as Charity Secretary one who had been the founder of the charity organisation in that province, and who had made its objects his especial work, was, however, in some degree mitigated by satisfaction he felt, and which all would share, that Bro. Taylor had found his love for the Craft and the province too great to permit of his ceasing to act as Provincial Grand Secretary, in which capacity he would, as heretofore, continue his services to the province.

This announcement was hailed with acclamation by the brethren present, and on the proposition of the P.G.M., seconded by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Godson, a resolution was passed thanking Bro. Taylor for past services in eulogistic terms.

Bro. Hy. Wilson, P.M. 1204, P.P.G.R., was elected Charity Secretary.

The following were appointed officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge for the year:—

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| Bro. R. Broomhall          | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W.      |
| G. J. Westbury             | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W.      |
| Rev. A. B. Timbrell        | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap.    |
| Rev. Digby H. Cotes Preedy | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Chap.  |
| A. Brown                   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas.   |
| A. Comber                  | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg.     |
| G. Taylor                  | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec.     |
| A. Green                   | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D.      |
| R. G. Walker               | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D.      |
| Dr. F. Underhill           | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W.  |
| W. Waldron                 | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C.  |
| Captain Warner Ottley      | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C.    |
| E. Pewtress                | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. B.  |
| J. Slade                   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. B.  |
| T. Coall                   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. B.  |
| T. Troman                  | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org.     |
| J. Elgood                  | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst.   |
| J. W. Consterdine Chadwick | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Purst. |

There were also appointed as P.G. Stewards—Bros. G. Holdsworth, D. Mackay, J. W. Threlfall, W. H. Talbot, J. Mossop, and H. Taylor.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed Stourbridge as the place for holding his next Provincial Grand Lodge, under the banner of Stability Lodge, No. 564.

A committee having been formed for revising the bye-laws, the report of the Worcester Soiree and Exhibition Committee was read. This stated that the lodges of the province contributed sums amounting to £119 7s. The expenses amounted to £159 7s. 8d., leaving a deficiency of £40 os. 8d. This was made good by the generous instrumentality of the Prov. G. Master and Bro. W. B. Williamson, P.G.S.W.

It was proposed by Bro. G. TAYLOR, seconded by Bro. G. W. GROSVENOR, and carried unanimously, "That the very cordial and sincere thanks of the brethren of the Province of Worcestershire be given to R.W. P.G.M., Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., and to W. Bro. William Blizard Williamson, J.P., P.P.G.S.W., for the generous and hospitable reception accorded to them at the Worcester Guildhall on the occasion of the Masonic Soiree, August 28, 1884, and also for their munificent assistance to the Exhibition Fund, which has so much contributed to bring those memorable events to a successful issue."

There had been a meeting of the Soiree and Exhibition Committee earlier in the day to take into consideration a scheme mooted at last Provincial Grand Lodge, and emanating from the Masonic exhibition of August, 1884, for the formation of a Masonic library and museum for the Province of Worcester. Bro. George Taylor had been diligently drawing together an extensive collection, and had offered the same to the province.

A resolution was passed by Prov. Grand Lodge affirming the desirability of accepting Bro. Taylor's offer and forming a library and museum. A committee was appointed to consider the best means of carrying out the terms of the resolution.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. GODSON, gave an account of the disposal of the fund raised to commemorate the memory of Bro. John Barber, P.P.D.G.M., which took the form of a memorial window erected in Knightwick Church.

It having been resolved to divide the alms to be collected at church between the Kidderminster Infirmary and St. Mary's Church Schools,

Prov. Grand Lodge adjourned, and the brethren having formed in procession, marched to the Church of St. Mary and All Saints, the four Lewises who carried the Volume of the Sacred Law being John Harold Taylor, W. Holdsworth, Gerald Talbot, and Mackay.

There was a good congregation present. The prayers were read by the Rev. T. L. Cloughton, Vicar of Kidderminster; the first lesson by the Rev. G. A. K. Simpson, and the second by the Rev. C. Black. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were sung to a recent setting by Bro. J. Fitzgerald, in B flat, which was very much admired. The anthem, by Dr. Clare Whitfield, was "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is." The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. A. B. Timbrell, M.A., P.G.C., W.M. in 1874, who selected as his text the words "I have used similitude." The reverend brother said in every age man had sought communion with his Maker, and had striven by such communion to make his life more pure, charitable, godly, righteous, and sober, to do his duty more faithfully, and had called to his aid the use of symbols. Under the old Mosaic law the use of symbols was distinctly sanctioned and commanded by the Great Architect of the Universe, and when the religion of Christ took the place of the Israelitish laws, the Christian Church adopted and made its own similar symbolical usages to aid its votaries in Divine worship. Thus under both the old and new dispensations symbolism has ever been and still was an important aid to man in holding communion with his Maker, and was a useful factor in his striving to rise to a purer life, a holier faith, a more certain hope, and all-embracing Charity. Masonry had been well defined as a system of morality, developed, and inculcated by the science of symbolism. She took the humblest tools of the workman, and appropriated them as symbols by which moral and religious truths were inculcated, and was thus calculated to exercise a beneficial influence upon the lives of the members. She was a valuable handmaid to the Church of Christ by teaching men to tread in the footsteps of the Saviour. She exercised a most wholesome influence upon the outside world by her wide and almost boundless Charity, bestowed in a quiet and unostentatious way. She also sent out into the world men of intelligence and respectability, imbued with the importance of the Christian religion, to fight against those forms of error which abounded, and if ever the day should come, which some seemed to see coming in the future, when anarchy and Atheism should take the place of the peace-loving, law-abiding, and God-fearing instincts of Englishmen, then the Freemasons of England would be found loyal to their Queen, true to their country, and faithful to their God. The collection made at the close was divided as arranged, between the Infirmary and the parish schools.

The brethren having returned to the Masonic Hall, votes of thanks were accorded to the vicar for the use of the church, and to the Prov. Grand Chaplain for his excellent sermon, and Prov. Grand Lodge was then duly closed.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the Lion Hotel, where a banquet was served to about a hundred members, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who was well supported by his Wardens, everything passing off most satisfactorily and enjoyably.

### CONSECRATION OF THE MARK EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 359, LIVERPOOL.

The consecration of the Excelsior Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 359, took place on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when there was a good attendance of the representatives of the Order.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.P.G.M., by delegation from the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M.M. of England, was present on the occasion; and amongst the brethren were Bros. G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W., acting D.G.M.; J. Kershaw, P.P.G.W.; J. C. Lunt, P.P.G.S.O.; J. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Whitehead, P.P.G. Treas.; W. O. Walker, P.G.D. Eng.; J. T. Newbold, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Woodall, P.G.D.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, P.G.C.; J. C. Hunter, P.G.S.D.; A. Beattie, P.P.G.S.B.; J. F. Tweedale, P.P.G.S.O. of Eng.; J. E. Hannah, P.G.M.O.; J. D. Murray, P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. Wood, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Jenaway, P.G.O.S.; S. Titmas, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G.J.O.; John Fox, P.P.G.O.; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S.W. (Cheshire); J. C. Alcock, P.P.G.D.; W. Wood, P.G.J.O.; Rev. T. B. Spencer, P.G.C.; J. Bollars, P.G.S.B., Secretary; W. W. Cotham, P.P.G.D.G.; J. Sutcliffe, P.G.S.B.; J. White, 65; W. Hewson, 65; J. Gertrey, 65; H. Denyer, 65; R. Martin,

Lebanon; W. Brackenbury, W.M. 65; J. Molloy, 65; R. Young, 65; E. W. Elton, W.M. 143; B. Roe, 143; R. Shacklady, 65; C. Robeson, 65; R. Johnson, 65; and others.

The time appointed for the commencement of the proceedings was three p.m., and lodge having been opened, and the necessary preliminary business disposed of, Bro. Lord Lathom at once set himself to the task of consecrating the new lodge, a duty which he fulfilled most ably and impressively, and in which he received most valuable assistance from the officers; the oration delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. T. B. Spencer, M.A., Vicar of St. James's, Preston, which we give in *extenso* later on, though somewhat lengthier than usual, being most appropriate to the occasion. At the close of the ceremony Bro. Geo. Morgan, W.M. designate, was duly installed W.M., the following brethren being invested as officers for the year, namely, Bros. W. Goodacre, S.W.; J. H. Barrow, J.W.; Robert Foote, M.O.; John Cobham, S.O.; J. Bamford, J.O.; J. T. Callow, R. of M.; D. Jones, Treasurer; E. Pierpoint, Secretary; W. C. Erwin, S.D.; T. Whitehead, J.D.; P. R. Barrow, I.G.; A. Bamford, D.C.; and Peter Ball, Tyler.

Six propositions for advancement having been handed in, and votes of thanks to Lord Lathom and the brethren who had assisted his lordship having been passed with acclamation, lodge was closed and the brethren sat down to the customary banquet, a most enjoyable and perfectly harmonious evening being the result. We trust the Excelsior Mark Lodge has a long and prosperous future before it.

The oration referred to above as having been delivered by Bro. the Rev. T. B. SPENCER, M.A., P.G.C. Lanc., reads as follows:

The wisdom of holding a moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Masonry has been exemplified to-day, for I understand that this consecration is in a great measure due to the visit paid to this province last July, when Mark Grand Lodge was welcomed, by our R.W. Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, in terms so appropriate and so aptly chosen. It would under any circumstances give us pleasure to be present on such an auspicious occasion as this, but our feeling of gratification is greatly increased by the fact that the ceremony has been so impressively performed by the one who rules over this important province so ably, so wisely, and with so much tact. I am sure that the event of to-day must be a matter of satisfaction to Bro. Chadwick, our kindly and undefatigable Prov. Grand Sec. While with regard to this new Excelsior Lodge, when we look at the names of its three principal officers, Bros. George Morgan, William Goodacre, and J. H. Barrow, we see they are the brethren who have proved themselves to be, as regards Masonry, not merely buttresses—outside supporters—but rather pillars—inside sustainers—in bearing the heat and burden of the day as earnest and enthusiastic workers in our cause. Thus we feel confident that the name Excelsior, which this lodge bears, will give in one word a prophecy as to its future successful career. Now Masonry, though a speculative science, is intended to be a practical one as well, and if we all tried sincerely to carry out the lessons taught us by Masonry in general and the Mark Degree in particular, we should be happier and better as men and as Masons. But perhaps some one may say—"What lessons for practical every-day use does the ceremony of advancement in the Mark Degree teach?" Well, I reply, it teaches several, but time will only permit me to mention a few. After giving a brief summary of an advancement, Bro. Spencer proceeded to say: I. Learn first not to be discouraged by apparent want of success. We, as men and Masons, have a work to perform in building up the Temple of Society, or the Temple of our Order; and whatever may be our share, important or unimportant, it is necessary if the structure is to be complete. Yet how often does our labour seem to be of no avail; it is not the particular kind that was wanted by the world, or our associates, or our lodge, just at that time; and, perhaps, there has come a feeling of despondency, and the cry from the very heart has been—"Alas! alas! my labour is lost." But such has not really been the case. It has been but as the bread cast upon the waters, and is found again even after many days. If I were acquainted with the history of the founding or reviving of the Mark Degree in this land, I should, doubtless, find that it affords an illustration of this lesson. There must have been some who studied the matter, who thought out a ritual and constitution, and who wanted to plant the Degree in English soil, but for a time they did not succeed as they would have wished. The merit of their work was not appreciated, it was not in accordance with plans of the great Masonic Order as then existing. It was refused, and ordered to be heaved over among the rubbish of useless theories, impracticable schemes, and misdirected endeavours. It seemed to be lost; but this was not really the case with their labour of love, for after passing through the usual stages of indifference and opposition, the Degree began to take root downwards and grow upwards. Then the work of those pioneers was seen to be needed, and they would receive their rewards in beholding their efforts crowned with deserved success; in seeing the first fruits of the abundant harvest which would result from their sowing. II. There is also encouragement in this Mark Degree for all zealous workers in this or any good cause. After a time your work, brethren, will seem to have been thrown aside, for a new generation of rulers will have sprung up, who will be like the Egyptian king of old that "knew not Joseph." Your work may be, so to speak, heaved over among other forgotten benefits and labours; but when your lodge comes to celebrate some great anniversary, there will be a searching of the archives, the recollection of what you have done will be revived; that work will be acknowledged to have been as necessary as the keystone which was once rejected, and your names, irradiated by the halo of time, will be truly and justly honoured; nay, perhaps they may be perpetuated in some permanent form, perhaps even as those of our late worthy Bros. Hamer and Allpass—by a charitable institution. III. We may also draw another lesson equally useful, viz., the duty, nay, the necessity, of cordial co-operation and cheerful confidence in each other. (For when the timber was floated, &c.) And in the world or in the smaller sphere of Masonry we each need the help, assistance, and confidence of others. What can the general, skilful though he be as a Marlborough, a Wellington, or a Wolseley, achieve unless he has the loyal and trustful co-operation of his officers and soldiers? What can the Master of a lodge accomplish if he be not cordially and faithfully supported by his officers and brethren? Why only little. But methinks I hear some one say, "I can do so little, it is no use trying to do anything in helping on the cause." Oh! do not, my brother, think that such is really the case. People are often like the young lions who do not know their strength until they make a great trial of it. Each one has an influence, each one can help others in doing something to smooth the way of life, or the path along which a lodge passes in its career. In those roads there will be obstructions, that seem in their greatness like mountains, and others which, in their smallness, look like molehills. If, then, some other remove the mountain, surely he may justly expect that your assistance will be given in levelling the molehill. If you cannot accomplish the greater task, you may the less. Let there be this loyal, trustful, mutual help and assistance, and Mark Masonry may ascribe upon its banner, as it floats in the breeze of favour or of disfavour, that motto after which this lodge is called—Excelsior! Excelsior! IV. Again, we may learn from this Degree the necessity of a connecting link to unite all classes together; the need of a leader around whom the followers may gather, or, in other words, the necessity of a keystone to the arch. In this land of ours, which we may describe as—

"Great, glorious, and free;  
First gem of the ocean, first isle of the sea,"

our gracious Queen is the keystone. In the Grand Lodge of Mark Masonry it is our illustrious Grand Master; in this Province of Lancashire, our respected and popular—nay, even in his presence, I will dare to give utterance to our unanimous feeling, and say our beloved—noble Provincial Grand Master is the keystone; while in the lodge it should be the Worshipful Master, and there must be a keystone consisting of one or more, or of one leading person, assisted by others, if the fragments, the single stones, that compose a party, a society, an industrial undertaking, or a nation, are to be cemented and bound together for some common end. In conclusion, the Degree of Mark Masonry is most dear to me, and doubtless to numbers of others, because it reminds us so forcibly of Him Who is our perfect pattern, in Whose steps we must walk if we would receive our reward hereafter, of Him Who was indeed "the stone rejected of the builders, but Who became the head stone of the corner." Following His teaching and example, animated by the principles which this Degree teaches, we shall not seek to obtain privileges, honours, offices, or positions to which we have no right, as the Mark-man did in trying to obtain the wages of a Mark Master; but we shall try to fit ourselves to possess them should they ever come within our reach. And if your work,

brethren, whether in every day life or in Masonry, be of the right stamp, do not give way to despair, even though for a time it be misunderstood, depreciated, or unnoticed. Remember the old proverb, a proverb in which I fully believe, to the effect that most things—I would not say all things, but that most things—are possible to him who knows how to wait. While waiting you must not fold your arms and do nothing; you must not imagine that the prey you seek will drop, like an overripe pear, into your hands; but while you wait you must work; while your barque sails under the sunshine of prosperity and the sea of life is calm, do not be idle; but make all ready for the storms of life when they come, and depend upon it they will beat upon most of us sooner or later. Then when the waves and billows of disappointments, crosses, or losses threaten to overwhelm, you may be able, like the cork, to rise upon their crest, and be carried by them towards your wished for haven; then you will not be as, alas! it is with some—then you will not be like the lead, which sinks at once beneath the flood, or like the unprepared and ill-equipped ship, intended only to navigate the smoothest waters, and which founders perhaps in sight of the very place it was trying to reach. Having employed aright the time of waiting, when the opportunity comes which will enable you to give effect to your desires, then you will be prepared and qualified to grasp it; when there comes the full tide that leads to success, you will be ready to float upon it. Then as you look back upon your work from the solemn standpoint of the bed of death, you will see reason no longer to cry in agony: "Alas! alas! my labour is lost;" but the anthem of thanksgiving that will spring from your feeble and parched lips will be: "Thank God, I have marked well." And when the soul has winged its flight to the Grand Lodge above, it may be said of you, as it is by Longfellow of "the youth who bore the strange device" after which this lodge is named:—

"There in the twilight, cold and gray,  
Lifeless, but beautiful, he lay;  
And from the sky, serene and far,  
A voice fell like a falling star,  
Excelsior."

### THE ANALOGY BETWEEN MAGIC, ALCHEMY, AND OLD ROSICRUCIANISM.

AN ESSAY READ BEFORE THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND, BY  
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It is a Masonic injunction that Craftsmen should inquire into the hidden mysteries of nature and science. By the term hidden mysteries of nature, so used, we may understand the system by which things were created and perpetuated; the essences of the things created, their attributes, their constitution, species, and particular characteristics. By hidden mysteries of science, in the same sense, is to be understood knowledge of the essences of created things; knowledge of their attributes, capabilities, &c., derived from the indubitable evidence of the senses and of reason.

While some persons take no interest whatever in such inquiries, there are others to whom the pursuit (of hidden mysteries) becomes an absorbing passion, and, in so far as such persons indulge in the pursuit, so far do they carry out one of the principles of Freemasonry. Only to persons of the second of these two classes are these words addressed.

We are carrying on legitimate Masonic research when we make inquiry into what is to be understood by such terms as magic, alchemy, and Rosicrucianism. The ardent inquirer, when one of the Masonic brotherhood, and not content, either with a belief that things are, or are not, as they seem, tests, experiments, notes points of difference, and in drawing inferences therefrom, and in reducing the knowledge so gained to practice, complies with his initiatory instructions. Those who do not do so may be said to neglect one of the most interesting and useful pursuits within the capacity of the mind of man.

In the centuries long gone by, the thoughtful individual probably asked, why objects apparently similar, when acted upon in various ways, produced different effects. The primitive genius would notice that by the friction of two pieces of the branch of a tree, heat could in time be produced. The inquiry would follow, how, why, is this? Not content with a simple knowledge of such being the case, the inquirer would desire to know whence the heat came, and not finding it in one piece of branch alone, or in two pieces singly, would try to solve the problem thus suggested.

It is not unreasonable to conclude that some such qualification for observation, matured and built up by experience, led in course of time to what is now called natural science, but in ancient times to what was termed magic, and later, alchemy.

Rosicrucianism being a comparatively recent manifestation of this innate spirit of inquiry in mankind than magic or alchemy, it may not here be out of place to give priority to a consideration of a few of the circumstances known of or accredited to the Rosicrucian Fraternity of the fifteenth century, and afterwards to state briefly a few of the distinctive features by which magic and alchemy are known to us.

The Rosicrucians had the benefit of much of the learning, the knowledge, the research, of their predecessors into the hidden sciences. They claimed to have received by tradition from the Egyptians, the Chaldeans, the magic and the Gymnosophists, from one, or all, a knowledge of a secret known, or described as, the Philosopher's Stone. They asserted, that by certain nostrums they could restore youth to those advanced in years, and protract the period of human life to an extent previously enjoyed by those patriarchs mentioned in holy writ.

They claimed to be conversant with all the erudition of their times.

Those called adepts knew, or pretended to know, something of all the sciences not modern: astrology, magic, alchemy, zoology, cosmography, geography, and pharmacy, and philosophy as taught by Pythagoras, Aristotle, and others. The Arabs, too, contributed to their lore. The Arabs were in particular skilled in the knowledge best described as occult.

The term Old Rosicrucian renders it necessary to state that the first members of the Order were brought together by a German nobleman, who, in the fourteenth century, after travelling for a protracted period in the East, returned to his native land, and there established the Rosicrucian Fraternity. This Fraternity at first consisted of only a few persons; so few, that they were enabled to live together in one house, built for their especial use.

After the death of the founder, the Society was replenished, in conformity with the injunctions he had given, and successive new men were admitted. This is what the encyclopedias tell us. It is interesting to notice the word successive, because it leads us to infer that the number was continuously limited, and that new men were only admitted as successors to such as were deceased.

This Fraternity existed in silence and obscurity for 120 years; a silence and obscurity insisted on by the founder, and rendered necessary by the antagonism of the Roman Church, which opposed itself to investigation and everything like scientific research. The prevailing belief of the time was, as is well known, that the secrets of nature were obtainable only by a

compact with those powers of darkness to which the Church professed to be antagonistic.

The Rosicrucians had various appellations. Their claim to be able to restore youth led to their being called Immortales. The unusual extent of their learning procured them the name Illuminati, and their self-imposed obscurity and persistent silence, so far as the outward world was concerned, brought them the title of the Invisible Brothers. They are also said to have possessed the essence of invisibility, whatever that may have meant. Some named them Brothers of Concocted Dew, because the philosopher's stone, the secret of which they claimed to know, was said to be dew concocted and exalted. These appellations seem whimsical and fantastic; but are certainly instructive. Summarised, they lead us to infer that the Fraternity consisted of learned men, who knew how to be secret, who possessed the art of rendering themselves invisible to the outer world, who possessed the art of producing juvenescence, and were acquainted with the secret known as the philosopher's stone.

Of course, there is nothing new in this brief statement, and it is not intended that there should seem to be. This recapitulation of the generally accepted belief as to the history, the practices, distinctive characteristics, and powers of the Fraternity is not, however, it is fair to suppose, altogether out of place. It will refresh the memory of such as are well acquainted with the subject, and will not be thrown away in the case of such fratres as are not so familiar therewith. The ostensible intention of the Brotherhood is believed to be a *general reform of mankind*.

The alchemists had for their object the transmutation of the baser metals into gold and silver; the discovery of a panacea, or universal remedy for diseases; of an alkatest, or universal solvent, and many other matters of similar importance to the well-being of humanity.

It is reasonable to suppose that by their genius and labours they laid the foundation of the old Rosicrucian Fraternity, and of modern chemistry. They made discoveries under difficulties, of which we have no adequate conception. In the form of medicines and preparations, it is said, they left behind them enduring monuments of their skill. They, as previously stated, sought the power of transmuting all metals into gold; nor were their desires unreasonable or illogical. By burning and roasting with intense heat, a dull, heavy, earthy body, they obtained a brilliant metal. By treating lead ore, a semi-metal, occupying a position between silver and mercury, closely allied to both in some of its reactions, they produced a perfectly metallic substance in the form of lead. They reasoned that gold and silver were pure forms of baser metals. They tried to discover the agent which could work such change. Following out their consequent trains of reasoning, they imagined that the great purifier of metals would, if discovered, play the same part with the human subject, and purify it so effectually as to prolong life indefinitely. For this, the elixir of life, they toiled night and day, and were insatiable in the pursuit of any knowledge likely to bring them nearer the attainment of their purpose; and magic, the art of putting into action the agency of supernatural beings, was believed to be used in aid of their pursuits.

The ancient magi, besides being fire-worshippers, engaged themselves in astrology, divination, sorcery, and other similar branches of the occult sciences. There is reason to believe that the knowledge of the powers of nature was, with the ancient magicians, much greater than moderns as a rule are willing to admit. No doubt the application of natural active causes to passive subjects produced many surprising, yet natural results, which by the ignorant were looked upon and believed in as miracles, and produced by the agency of spirits or by invisible powers, which led to the belief that magic was a pernicious and diabolical art. The first magicians are supposed to have believed in the existence of demons, and that different orders of spirits presided over different elements, as well as over persons and the affairs of men. Some people in the present day have a similar belief. Every disease flesh is heir to was supposed to be originated by some particular demon, and incantations and charms were used in order to drive out the demoniacal influence where disease was known to be operating. The results of such incantations and charms, if any, were, broadly speaking, the results of magic. While such was the prevailing belief, the Rosicrucians thought that the elements swarmed, not with hideous revengeful spirits, but with creatures ready to do man service.

It might not accord with the taste of some were allusion to be made to any of the miracles of the Old or New Testaments as connected directly or indirectly with magic. It is therefore expedient to refrain from doing so at length, still, there is surely a point or line, even if imaginary, between miracle and magic to indicate where the one ceases and where the other begins.

Broadly speaking, we may say miracle is wrought by the aid of supernatural power. Magic represents the knowledge and skill possessed by some persons which produce effects very remote from the cause, and which are in essential particulars similar to miracles, but apparently devoid of spiritual agency. The changing of Aaron's rod into a serpent is very much like what is generally understood to be magic, or conjuring, for magicians so-called did the same. The turning of the river-water into a semblance of blood may be counted as a miracle. The interpretation of dreams by Joseph and Daniel may be accepted as miraculous, because they (Joseph and Daniel) were not professedly magicians, but servants of the Most High. They were above the suspicion to which the magicians were subjected, of imposture, and, being superior to them in their interpretations, were supposed to derive their power, not from the supernatural merely, but from the Supreme, the G.A.O.T.U. The Book of Esther reads like a tale in the "Arabian Nights." Was Mordecai a magician?

All persons of the classes to which reference has been made sought what is now believed to be the unattainable. Magic attempted to reverse the ordinary laws of nature by the interposition of such laws as were exceptional or little known. Magic and alchemy aimed at securing unlimited powers of self reward. Rosicrucianism proposed a large philanthropy. In short, the magician, the alchemist, the Rosicrucian, were professedly and practically seekers after knowledge, to be applied for the benefit of themselves first, and then of the human race; and, in the abstract, *the great good of mankind*.

In saying they sought what is now believed to be the unattainable it is not to be inferred that they did not attain their ends, at least in part. There are persons now who believe a reversal, not of the laws of nature, but of the phenomena produced by the operation of such laws, can be accomplished. They consider it possible to convert the intensity of winter into a season like summer, and then to restore the intensity of winter all within a comparatively short period of time.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 1885.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**REPORTS OF LODGE MEETINGS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
One thing has struck me, as an old contributor  
of reports of lodge meetings, that this constitutes so small  
a portion in your valuable paper. I think the fact is, that  
sufficient encouragement is not given by you to members of  
lodges who could, and would, be pleased to send such  
reports, or is it, perhaps, a more weighty reason that too  
much importance is attached to the secrecy of Freemasonry?  
If viewed in the right light this ought not to be. Reports of  
meetings of lodges, if admitted in a smaller degree show  
that the excuse is not valid, therefore I would suggest that  
intelligent brethren who are capable of sending the reports  
might be made acquainted with the fact that such are  
always acceptable and will have their place in your pages.—  
Yours faithfully and fraternally, AN OLD P.S.W.

[Perhaps our correspondent is unaware that we send out  
at intervals, to Secretaries and others, printed forms on  
which to send reports of lodge meetings, and invite com-  
munications from all who are interested in Masonic matter.  
—Ed. F.M.]

**MASONIC GIRLS' SCHOOL.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I appeal to those who have no immediate call for  
their proxies, to send them to me for Edith Jane Menpes,  
No. 27. I do so because of an unlucky mistake in the  
official list annexed to the proxy paper. The late Bro.  
Menpes was W.M. of 1725 at the time of his death, and,  
therefore, presumably an active Mason. He left 10  
children dependent—neither of these facts appears.  
Guildhall, E.C., Fraternally yours,  
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**MASONIC LIBRARIES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
On the question of Masonic libraries I can speak  
a little feelingly, being one of a few members of a very  
old lodge—Royal Cumberland, No. 41—who were instru-  
mental in resuscitating a long neglected and, in fact, almost  
forgotten library. Being at the time Steward of the lodge,  
and naturally poking my nose into all nooks and corners,  
I found an old cupboard full of really valuable books and  
unbound numbers of Masonic literature. Representing the  
results of my explorations to the then W.M. and others,  
they took up the matter, and soon we had a thorough over-  
hauling of the possessions. A nice new case was bought,  
a catalogue prepared, and the library was Redivivus.

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coming, most notably those of the late Dr. Hopkins, and  
the members were found taking a deep interest in the  
library. The last I know of it is, that when Dr. Hopkins  
died he left, by his will, nearly the whole of his valuable  
library to this same lodge. I think this little story should  
emulate lodges to look to their libraries, and others who  
have books to give or bequeath to go and do likewise.—  
Yours fraternally,  
September 16th. A P.S.W.

**THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Now that the elections for the Schools are  
approaching, I think it is only right to inform subscribers  
to the Girls' School of what I consider a case (passed by  
the Committee) less deserving of support than many others  
on the list. The candidate is a relative of old Masons,  
but their names do not appear in the list of subscribers to  
any of the Institutions. They are all professional men,  
well known, and able to at least subscribe a considerable  
sum towards the education of the child in our Schools if  
they desire to have it educated there. I do not consider  
the case at all a deserving one.

Take another case—both mother and father dead—one of  
nine children, ranging from six to 23 years, and some de-  
pendent on grandfather for support.

Which is the more deserving case of the two? I hope  
all subscribers before promising their votes will enquire  
into the case they are asked to support, and then give their  
votes to the most deserving.

I have often wondered why there is not established in  
London a charitable association which would take up the  
most necessitous cases, and concentrate the votes for them.  
At the last election of the R.M.B.I. I saw on the voting  
paper an old lady's name who had, if I recollect rightly,  
been up five or six times, and polled on an average two  
votes each election. If the case was really deserving, it  
simply showed the necessity of some such association to  
which she could have appealed for assistance, and if not  
deserving it should not have been passed by the Committee.  
I pointed out this case to a well known and enthusiastic  
brother, who works very hard at every election, and he  
said, "In a case like this either those who know the case  
well won't work for it, or no one knows anything about it,  
and, therefore, no one works for it." I would suggest  
such an association should be formed by lodges, and that  
strict enquiries be made respecting all candidates for elec-  
tion, and then we could all send our votes to those who  
would use them to advantage.—Yours fraternally,  
A. Z.

**THE LONDON MUTUAL MASONIC VOTING  
ASSOCIATION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It may interest some of your readers to be reminded  
of the advantage of combination over the system that has  
been so long in vogue in London, in respect to the Elections  
to our Masonic Institutions. I find from the books of the  
Institutions, that down to June 1884 there were in the Aged  
Masonic Institution, and the Boys' and Girls' Schools, a  
total of 803 annuitants, and scholars, of which number the  
provinces had secured by combination, and unity, a majority  
of 307. Our country brethren are wise in their generation,  
and for which, I for one, am ready to give every praise.  
Surely so good an example is worth following.

An examination of the following figures may give some  
idea of the great necessity, existing, of London more  
generously supporting its own Masonic cases. The votes  
issued for April 1885 for the Boys' Election amounted to  
56,933, of which 7043 were brought forward, London claim-  
ing 4400, the remainder belonging to the provinces. At the  
conclusion of the polling our country brethren had  
succeeded in securing the return of eighteen cases out of  
27 candidates with 31,910 votes, while 1859 votes were  
carried forward to the Election in October next. London  
placed eight successful cases with 13,919 votes, and 4095  
votes are carried forward to the credit of eight unsuccessful  
candidates, who are again before the subscribers for the  
October meeting. The difference is immense; if we look  
through the lists of votes published by the Institutions, we  
shall find very little difference between the voting strength  
of London and the provinces. Now I would like to ask,  
why so great a discrepancy exists between the efforts of the  
London and the country brethren? I find that Kent has  
2192 votes recorded as her strength, yet a reference to the  
April Elections will show, she polled 3692 votes for two  
successful candidates; Warwickshire with 1238 votes is  
successful with two cases, polling 3644 votes in their favour;  
while Herts with only 208 votes was also successful in re-  
turning two candidates, polling 2738 votes. Some of our  
London brethren appear disinclined to part with the control  
of their votes although they see the result is so very disas-  
trous to their cases. Will they not emulate their country  
brethren in this respect. I am afraid I have trespassed on  
your valuable space too much, and will therefore conclude  
with asking the Londoners, if the countrymen having only  
equal voting strength with themselves will remain satisfied  
with plod, plodding on, being always behind, yet having a  
voting strength of upwards of 22,000 votes?—Yours frater-  
nally, and faithfully, G. COOP.



**AN IMPORTANT WORK.**

For the information of the many Masonic students, and  
in order to obtain all needful information, I desire to  
announce the preparation of a very important work by my  
friend and Brother John Lane, P.M. 1402, Torquay. It is  
no less than a complete Record of all the Lodges warranted  
by the Grand Lodges of England from the earliest times to  
1813, and those chartered from that period to 1885. All  
the numbers, places of meeting, and other special matters will  
be noted, and to obtain these, all possible sources are being  
examined by him or by myself, as I am only too pleased to  
assist him in the compilation of one of the most useful and  
laborious works ever contemplated in connection with the  
Craft, and I can answer for its accuracy, completeness, and  
value so far as the researches have been tabulated and

arranged. I shall be glad to receive particulars (addressed to me at Torquay, Devon) of any "Atholl" Lodges (extinct or on the Roll) which refer to their places of meeting prior to December, 1813, and which have not hitherto been published. Also to know of any engraved lists of lodges additional to those preserved by the Grand Lodge, or those owned by Bros. George Taylor, James Newton, William Watson, and the "Royal Cumberland Lodge," No. 41, Bath; as Bro. Lane naturally desires to know of the whereabouts of lists and calendars of last century which have escaped our observation. Also we want Grand Lodge Calendars for 1777-8-9-80 and 1816.

W. J. HUGHAN.



### Craft Masonry.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. McClelland, W.M.; David Hughes, I.P.M.; H. Harbord, S.W.; Dan Hughes, J.W.; John Hughes, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; P.G.A.D.C. Essex; R. Pittam Stevens, S.D.; John P. Hoddinott, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; R. S. Whur, I.G.; E. Hand, Org.; Haylock, W.S.; Prince and Rubardt, Stwds.; Ginger, P.M.; G. A. Cundy, P.M.; Lewis, P.M.; Fisher, Faux, Russell, Eade, E. W. Cundy, Clarke, H. Smith, Rogers, E. Venner, Burnell, Newman, W. Venner, Bater, Ford, Ross, Follett, Dance, P.M. 754; Chivers, Corkhill, Whitnall, Taylor, and Alder. Visitors: Bros. Williams, P.M. 933; John Glass, P.M. 453, P.G.S. of W. Essex; Tilling, W.M. and S.E. 765; Seigenberg, S.D. 212; Evans, W.M. 1922; Barnett, 177; and Hardy, 2045.

After the minutes of last meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. Johnson, 861, as a joining member, after which Messrs. John Brown Jackson and Thos. William Venner were balloted for and initiated. The ballots in each case were unanimous. The Secretary then presented, and the W.M., officers, and members signed, a petition to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on behalf of a daughter of the late Bro. J. B. Turner, a deceased member.

At the dinner which followed, and which was served in a manner which reflected great credit upon Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were greeted in a hearty and enthusiastic manner by the members and visitors.

The I.P.M., Bro. David Hughes, then took charge of the gavel, and, in proposing "The W.M.'s Health," said the more they saw of their W.M. the more they were impressed with his good fellowship, and also his superabundance of good feeling towards the interests of their lodge. They all knew that he was discharging his duties as W.M. with that fervency and zeal which must and would endear him to all the members; and he asked them all to join him in wishing their W.M. long life and happiness.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he was exceedingly grateful to the I.P.M. for the kindness expressed by him, and that his heart was fully animated by the many cordial wishes of the members towards him. He was pleased to meet the members again at the commencement of the winter session, and trusted that they would have a successful season. He was particularly sorry that circumstances had prevented Bro. Parsons, the candidate for raising, from attending; and, in conclusion, he hoped that as long as he was a member of the lodge, he would always have the hearty support and experience those kind feelings the members expressed towards him that evening.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and said that he had had the pleasure of knowing one of the initiates—Bro. Jackson—for a good many years, and as Bro. Venner had already two brothers members of the lodge, it needed but a few words from him to ask them to join him in drinking to their good healths, as he was quite convinced that each of the new members would not only be an acquisition, but would bring credit to the lodge, and assist to maintain the prestige, of which they were all so proud.

The Initiates briefly responded, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness in receiving them into Freemasonry.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Williams, Glass, and Hardy; Bro. Glass expressing a hope that all the members of the City of London Lodge would visit him at the Chigwell Lodge, Chingford.

The remaining toasts having been given and duly responded to, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close, several of the members and visitors having considerably enhanced the enjoyment by songs and recitations.

**LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).**—The last regular meeting of the year was held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday, the 19th inst. The W.M., Bro. Fletcher Knight, was unavoidably absent, as were also many of his officers, and a large number of the members. Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M., presided as the W.M., and was supported by Bros. W. R. Vassila, S.W.; J. Lawrence, J.W.; E. Gilbert, P.G.A.P. Middx., P.M., Treas.; Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; C. A. Baker, J.D.; W. Walters, I.G.; J. A. Wilson, C.S.; J. C. Goslin, W.S.; F. Dunstan, Asst. Sec.; R. J. Morley, A.W.S.; H. Forss, W.M. 917; J. R. Cox, H. Lee, J. St. Aubin Paul, G. H. Eaton, Stwd.; S. Wheeler, Stwd.; and W. J. Babb. The visitors were Bros. the Rev. J. Baker, 2024; Wakefield Reed, 1922; and J. Sims, W.M. 834.

The only work which presented itself was the raising of Bro. J. R. Cox, in which ceremony Bro. J. J. Marsh acquitted himself in his usual admirable manner. After the explanation of the working tools had been given, lodge was closed down to the First Degree. The Secretary then had the painful duty to read out the petition of a member—a chief engineer (late R.N.)—, who, in January, 1884, was wrecked, and saved only what he stood upright in; and again, in June, 1885, was wrecked at Cape Guardafui, Africa. He saved his life by swimming to the shore, losing all his valuables. With other fellow sufferers he was led

into captivity by hostile natives, undergoing unheard of hardships and severities for thirty days, when they were rescued and ransomed by an English man-of-war. He was most kindly treated by the Masons at Aden, who not only succoured his wants, but most generously gave a good sum amongst the crew of his unfortunate and ill-fated ship. Intense sympathy was felt, the petition being signed by all present. It was arranged to give him a liberal donation from the lodge Benevolent Fund. The Secretary (formerly of the Royal Navy) was deeply moved whilst reading the petition. After names had been given in for joining and initiation on May 15th, 1886, the lodge was duly closed. It was announced that the W.M., although absent, showed the very great and real interest he took in the lodge by consenting to accept his second Stewardship during his year of office; being already Steward for the Benevolent Institution, he now added the Stewardship for the Boys' Institution. So far, for 1886, the Lebanon Lodge will send up nine Stewards to represent it at the Masonic Charities; in 1885, twelve Stewards represented it.

Bro. J. J. Marsh presided at the festive board. After ample justice had been done to the good fare provided by the host, Bro. H. P. Harris, who, as usual with him, was unremitting in his exertions to see every one well served, the usual toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations were well given, and enhanced the pleasures of the evening. Bro. Wakefield Reed delighted all by his splendid singing. The brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

**LOYALTY LODGE (No. 1607).**—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, when Bro. W. Gayton, M.D., was duly installed W.M. in succession to Bro. W. Giller. The lodge was opened by Bro. Giller, W.M., who was supported then and during the proceedings by an assemblage of officers, brethren, and visitors. The whole of the ceremonial was rendered by the W.M., who afterwards received well merited praise for the manner in which he delivered the charges. Bro. Dr. Gayton having been presented and duly pledged his adherence to our ancient charges and regulations, as announced by Bro. John Newton, P.M., the honoured and trustworthy Secretary, was duly obligated. Subsequently upon the retirement of all brethren below the dignity of an Installed Master, Bro. Gayton was in a duly formed Board of Masters impressively inducted into the chair of K.S. according to ancient form. The usual honours were paid to the newly-installed Master by the brethren, and the officers were appointed and invested, Bro. Gayton's address to each officer being very correctly and most appropriately delivered. The following are the appointments: Bros. W. Giller, I.P.M.; J. R. Large, S.W.; R. S. Cushing, J.W.; F. Brown, P.M. 174, 1607, Treas.; J. Newton, P.M. 174, 1607, Sec.; A. J. Clark, S.D.; E. Holdsworth, J.D.; R. F. Hunter, I.G.; T. F. Hodgson, D.C.; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174, 1607, and C. H. Holford, Stwds.; and J. Verrey, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which reflected all credit upon the manager of the tavern, Bro. Start. At the conclusion of the repast the usual formal toasts having been drunk with full Masonic honours, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," concluding by pinning a very handsome P.M.'s jewel upon his breast, which had been voted by the brethren as an earnest of the high appreciation in which they held him. The remaining toasts were also suitably honoured. By the excellent singing of Bro. F. A. Brown and his talented professional brethren, the proceedings were much enlivened. Bro. Rose also gave a couple of excellent recitations. Loyalty Lodge now starts upon a fresh year of Masonic life, and we venture to predict a happy and prosperous one.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—The installation meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 17th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. G. H. Stephens, assisted by Bros. J. J. Howes, S.W.; R. B. Greenwood, J.W.; J. Howes, P.M., Treas.; E. Mallett, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Lardner, I.P.M.; Wm. Pennefather, P.M.; T. McClure Butt, P.M.; R. F. Brickdale, J.D.; W. C. Brasher, I.G.; S. Renaut, Asst. D.C.; H. K. Clisby, F. J. Rumball, and E. Roberts, Stwds.; S. C. H. Rumball, T. C. Hodges, P. H. Clisby, M. W. Worrell, C. J. Smith, G. C. Chatwin, F. H. Linnett, A. W. Price, J. L. Jackson, E. Bradsell, P. A. Bolander, F. O. Damm, H. Taylor, F. G. Cooper, G. Higgins, and J. Fleming. Visitors: Bros. T. Glass, 860; W. G. Caulfield, 1269; C. H. Freyer, 879; S. C. Haslip, P.M. 813; C. W. Pridmore, P.M. 1310; S. Osburn, 1571; F. Vandenhede, 548; R. P. Stevens, S.D. 901; W. Goodchild, P.M. 704; H. E. Coffin, J.W. 167; J. Houghton, 173; B. Foster, 1986; H. W. Kedgley, S.W. 1614; and F. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.

The minutes of previous regular and emergency lodge meetings were read and confirmed, and Bro. Otto Damm was passed, after which Bro. J. J. Howes, S.W., W.M. elect, was next presented, and having given the usual undertakings, was ably installed by his predecessor, Bro. G. H. Stephens, I.P.M. The P.M.'s having saluted and offered good wishes to the W.M., the brethren in the various grades were admitted and saluted in regular order. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. B. Greenwood, S.W.; R. F. Brickdale, J.W.; J. Howes, P.M., Chap., and Treas. pro tem.; E. Mallett, P.M., Sec.; W. C. Brasher, S.D.; McButt, P.M., for Bro. N. Mackay, J.D.; S. Renaut, I.G.; H. K. Clisby, D.C.; J. F. Rumball, W.S.; E. Roberts, A.D.C.; J. J. Cooper and P. H. Clisby, Stwds.; and C. J. Smith, Org. Bro. G. H. Stephens, the Installing Master, then delivered the addresses, receiving hearty applause at the finish. Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., acted as D.C. Criticism on the ceremony is unnecessary when Bros. Lardner and Stephens are mentioned in connection therewith, their abilities being so well known in London Craft Masonry, suffice it to say all was done that was possible to be done. Ballot was then taken for Mr. Wm. A. Hayward, which proved unanimous, and that gentleman being present, was initiated into Freemasonry, the newly-installed Master proving himself equal to every expectation. The Auditors' report was then submitted by Bro. F. J. Rumball, informing the brethren the result of their labours, and was happy to say that a handsome balance was in hand to commence the ensuing year. The report, as read, being unanimously adopted, a vote of thanks to the Auditors (Bros. Rumball, Price, and Chatwin) for their services was proposed and carried by the lodge, for which they returned thanks. The brethren also were unani-

mous in a vote of thanks to Bro. G. H. Stephens, I.P.M., the Installing Master. The W.M. fixed a 10 guinea jewel to Bro. Stephens' breast, as a mark of high esteem of the brethren for faithfully discharging the duties of the past session. Bro. Stephens, in well selected words, returned thanks. The W.M. offered himself as a Steward for the ensuing festival of the Girls' School, Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., offering to stand for the festival of the Boys' School, and, in accepting these spontaneous offers, the lodge voted 10 guineas to each of the worthy brethren; to start their list.

After some other business the W.M. conducted the members and visitors to the Holborn Restaurant, to partake of that which gives strength to the body and mirth to the soul, Bro. Hamp placing a banquet on the table which, for quality, quantity, and attendance, could scarcely, if at all, be surpassed, and universal satisfaction was felt by all present. Mention might also be made of the beautifully arranged dessert, consisting of the choicest fruits of the day. The cloth being cleared, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were very heartily received.

Bro. G. H. Stephens, I.P.M., rising to propose "The W.M.," said, owing to the heavy labours of the evening, and the long time it had taken to get through their repast, he would not on this occasion detain them with a long speech, he would just say that the right man had been put in the right place, and they had seen that evening, by the W.M. working the initiation ceremony, a proof of their wise selection, and was sure what they all looked for would be forthcoming; he would again assure him that himself and all the brethren would rally round him, and make his year of office a pleasurable one; and the brethren would best show their approval by charging bumpers, and give the toast a hearty reception, which was duly given.

The W.M. rose and replied, expressing his hope that in selecting his officers it met with their approval, his desire being to do his duty to the Craft, and give satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge, and begged, in conclusion, to thank them for the reception the toast had received.

The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters," to which Bro. J. Howes, P.M., replied.

The next toast was that of "The Initiate," coupling the name of Bro. Damm, who was obliged to be absent from the banquet at the previous meeting, but now expressed his gratification at having joined the Craft.

Bro. Hayward also expressed the pleasure he felt at having joined the West Smithfield Lodge. His father was a Mason before him, and he himself had long desired to become one. The reception accorded him among them that evening was very gratifying; he felt unable to express his feelings at the cordial reception given him, but trusted to do so on some future occasion, when better versed with Masonic knowledge and usage.

"The Visitors" were next proposed, the W.M. bidding them welcome to the lodge. He was happy to say that they rarely assembled without one or more visitors. He felt quite safe in saying that the brethren all united with himself in giving them their "Hearty good wishes." The toast being drunk with honours, the visiting brethren individually returned thanks.

The W.M. then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," in whom he felt the greatest confidence, knowing that they were all equal to the duties assigned to them. He hoped they would be regular and punctual in their attendance, and that they would strive with himself in keeping the West Smithfield Lodge up to its proper mark. The time being short, he would mention Bro. Greenwood, S.W., to reply to the officers' toast. An excellent fire followed.

Bro. Greenwood, returning thanks, expressed the pleasure they all felt on receiving their various appointments. He would assure the W.M. that the confidence that he felt towards his officers was fully reciprocated, and begged to thank the W.M. and the brethren, on behalf of the officers, for so handsomely responding to the toast.

Bro. W. Smyth, who had again been invested as Tyler, then assumed the gavel, and brought one of the happiest of the West Smithfield meetings to a close. Owing to short addresses more time was given to harmony, which was well sustained by Bros. E. Roberts, Renaut, Hodges, S. C. H. Rumball, Caulfield (visitor), and others.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—This old lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, the 4th inst. The W.M., Bro. F. Plover, presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Councilor W. H. Russell, I.P.M.; F. H. Hallett, S.W.; T. W. Markwick, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.G.D. of C., P.M., Treas.; Alderman Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., P.M., Sec.; H. Gloyns, S.D.; F. Duke, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; T. H. Cole, P.P.G.A.D. of C., P.M.; Edwin Bradnam (Mayor), Dr. J. Abram, J. Pearce, P.M.; R. J. Reed, Peter Robinson, W. S. Allen, R. Dengate, G. Randall, F. C. Edwards, R. Jones, R. Walmsley, G. J. Hilliard, S. Case, C. Reinmann, W. Cooper, and others. Visitor: Bro. W. Robertson, 261, 442.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Cooper and Reinmann were duly passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., in a very able and impressive manner.

Other business having been disposed of, lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a well served collation, after which the usual Masonic and complimentary toasts were proposed and duly responded to. The evening was rendered very enjoyable by some excellent vocal and instrumental talent.

**MAIDENHEAD.—St. John's Lodge (No. 795).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Ray Mead Hotel on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. John Innes, W.M.; C. Dairy, P.M. 141, as S.W.; E. W. Allen, P.M. 173, J.W.; W. Holcombe, as S.D.; C. Dearing, as J.D.; E. J. Withers, I.G.; T. B. Linscott, P.M. 55, I.P.M.; H. H. Hodges, P.M., P.P.G. S.W., Sec.; C. Shepperd, Tyler; C. S. Bailey, J. Cutbill, W. Fenton, A. J. G. Waterhouse, and W. Deacon. Visitors: Bros. C. Dairy, P.M. 141; G. Coop, J.W. 141, Sec. 2021, and 1612; G. G. Butcher, 569; and W. F. Harling, 975.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge were read, confirmed, and signed. Owing to an omission in forwarding to Grand Lodge a change in the bye-laws, it became necessary to again proceed to the election of a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler. The choice of the brethren was again unanimously recorded in favour of Bro. John Greenfield, P.M. 1602, W.M.; Bro. John Finch,

Treasurer; and Bro. Shepperd, Tyler. A telegram was then forwarded to the W.M. elect acquainting him with the result. Bro. C. S. Bailey having been duly raised by the I.P.M., Bro. Withers gave notice of motion to reduce the number of meetings from six to four. The brethren then sat down to a capital repast, personally superintended by Bro. W. Deacon, host, who, as usual, gave general satisfaction.

**BATTLE.**—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. the very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Dean of Battle, W.M.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas., as S.W.; Henry Kimm, J.W.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; Dr. R. Davison, as S.D.; J. B. Sargent, P.M., as J.D.; W. T. Jordan, I.G.; J. Fielding, Org.; J. M. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, as Tyler; William Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; Charles Martin, W. C. Till, W. A. Raper, D. White, C. Leary, and J. W. Pepper. Visitors: Bros. T. Underwood, P.M. 1366; C. J. Richardson, W.M. 1420; Rev. H. Hawkins, 132; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, and communications read, the W.M. then raised Bro. Leary to the Degree of M.M., after which Bro. Pepper was passed as Fellow Craft, both ceremonies being rendered in Bro. Currie's usual faultless and impressive style. After the transaction of the business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren partook of supper.

**ELLAND.**—Savile Lodge (No. 1231).—A general meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. E. Farnell, W.M., assisted by Bros. J. Smithies, S.W.; T. Emsley, J.W.; Dr. Hoyle, S.D.; T. Sutcliffe, J.D.; G. Hallas, I.G.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; T. Radcliffe, A. Radcliffe, Sutton, Pike, Taylor, Savile, Walker, Dyson, Gorsed, Maude, Batty, and others.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. Haigh was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

The lodge was closed in harmony, after which the brethren adjourned to supper.

**TORQUAY.**—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst. There were a large number of brethren present, amongst whom were Bros. B. Knight, W.M.; G. J. Pepprell, I.P.M.; J. Lane, P.M.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Dodge, P.M., Treas., P.G. Treas.; A. T. Blamey, P.M., Chap.; S. Garcia, S.W.; and others of the lodge. There were also present Bros. J. Grant, W.M. 328; W. Taylor, I.P.M. 328; T. Beckett, S.S. 328; R. L. Mugford, J.W. 328; H. Day, 328; J. A. Cridge, 328; Richardson, 328; Dr. G. C. Searle, W.M. 248; Chas. Atkins, P.M. 27 and 248; W. J. McLean, P.M. 248; T. Johns, A.D.C. 610; H. Marley, W.M. 1358; H. Jarman, P.M. 1358; and W. S. Yates, Tyler 328; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel Garcia, S.W., duly presented by Bro. J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., after which a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Garcia was regularly installed into the Master's chair according to ancient custom by the W.M., Bro. B. Knight, who also very ably gave the charges, the whole ceremony being conducted in a very satisfactory manner. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. B. Knight, I.P.M.; F. Hex, S.W.; T. Prust, J.W.; A. T. Blamey, P.M., Chap.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.G. Treas.; L. Brooks, Org.; T. H. Wills, Sec.; R. Letheren, S.D.; G. Rowland, J.D.; W. Hill, D.C.; J. W. McKellar, I.G.; J. T. Crossman and J. T. Brown, Stwds. The W.M. accompanied each investment with a short charge relative to the duties of the officers. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. A. T. Blamey, P.M., Chap., on behalf of the brethren, presented the retiring W.M., Bro. B. Knight, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his merit, which Bro. Knight suitably acknowledged. Bro. J. Lane, P.M., was elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of Petitions of the province.

At the close of the lodge a large number of the brethren adjourned to Bro. Bolt's, Royal Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided. The W.M., Bro. S. Garcia, very ably presided.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were duly honoured.

"The Officers of Grand Lodge" was next given and cordially received, the W.M. expressing regret at the absence of Bro. W. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, through indisposition.

Bro. Knight, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge," coupling with it the names of Bros. J. Dodge, P.M., Treas.; P.G. Treas., and D. Allams, P.M., P.G.D.C.

Bro. J. Dodge, in reply, stated that he felt proud, both for himself and the Jordan Lodge, for the high honour conferred by electing him, with almost unanimity, as P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year. He also thanked the sister lodge—St. John's, 328—and the surrounding lodges for the unanimous support they had given him.

Bro. Allams also replied, feeling honoured at the position given him at Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., then proposed the toast of "The Newly-installed W.M.," and said, although the W.M. resided at a considerable distance from Torquay, he was sure that he would ably fulfil his duties, and look after the interests of the lodge with the same careful manner as his predecessors had done.

Bro. S. Garcia, W.M., in graceful terms acknowledged the kindness of the brethren in drinking this toast with so much enthusiasm, and said that nothing should be wanting on his part, as far as his ability went, to maintain the prestige of the Jordan Lodge.

Bro. Dodge then proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. B. Knight," and commented on the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge for the year.

Bro. Knight replied, and assured the brethren that he had with his best endeavours conducted the business of the lodge, and had endeavoured to maintain the dignity and reputation of the lodge.

Bro. T. Prust proposed "The Past Masters," and Bro. A. T. Blamey responded, on behalf of the Past Masters, with his usual ability.

Bro. Knight, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and expressed his satisfaction at seeing so many representatives

from the neighbouring lodges, and last, but not least, the presence of the W.M. and I.P.M. of their sister lodge—St. John's, 328.

Bros. Atkins, P.M. 27 and 248; Dr. G. C. Searle, W.M. 248; W. H. Jarman, P.M. 1358; H. Marley, W.M. 1358; J. Grant, W.M. 328; and W. Taylor, I.P.M. 328, all briefly acknowledged the kind reception accorded them.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed and duly responded to.

"Success to the Masonic Charities" was then proposed, and a collection made on behalf of the Devon Educational Fund.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most agreeable evenings within the recollection of the brethren.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1038).—On Wednesday, the 16th inst., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, and was the occasion of one of the largest gatherings yet recorded on the minutes of the lodge. During the past year the lodge has been working under disadvantages; in the first place, the W.M., who was installed in September last year, has not attended any one of the regular meetings, and in February last the Secretary died, after a short illness, the nature of which prevented him from making up his books or imparting any information respecting the affairs of the lodge. The strength and vitality of the lodge have been tested somewhat severely, but it has come out of the ordeal in a way which redounds to the credit of its members.

Bro. Buckland, P.M., was in the chair of K.S., and opened the Board of Installed Masters with the assistance of nearly 40 brethren, a number increased to 50 when the installation took place. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Moorman, having been presented in due form, the ceremony was performed in a most impressive and perfect manner by the Installing Master. The Board of Past Masters consisted of no less than 14, many of whom had seen Bro. Moorman work his way step by step through every office up to the proud position in which he was that night placed. The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted most heartily, the addresses were given in the prescribed manner, and the ability with which that was done elicited the warm applause of all assembled. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Drewett, S.W.; George Moorman, J.W.; William Drewett, S.D.; Humphreys, J.D.; Aldridge, P.M., Treas.; Abel Laurence, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, Sec.; F. J. Hunt, Org.; and W. Youlton, jun., I.G. Subordinate officers were filled by Bros. Montague, T. F. Matthews, and F. Lockett.

After the expression of "Hearty good wishes" the W.M. closed his lodge in solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to the hotel for refreshment. In this respect the hospitality of the Brownrigg Lodge was well sustained, and the catering of Bros. Bond and Fraying proved all that could be desired. Long speeches were the exception and not the rule, but there was a genuine ring in the words that fell from various speakers. High (and deserved) compliment was paid by several old and experienced members of the Craft to the excellent working exhibited that evening, and the utmost harmony prevailed.

Among the visitors present were Bros. Henry G. Thompson, P.P.G.J.D. Surrey; S. P. Catterson, W.M. elect 1981, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; R. T. Elsam, P.M. 201 and 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; G. Porter, P.M. 889, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; J. Croaker, P.M. 185; B. Culbron, W.M. 355; J. Bond, P.M. 889; T. Weaner, P.M. 820; G. Gabb, P.M. 802; G. T. Salmon, W.M. 1260; W. Chapman, J.W. 889; W. Vans, 88; J. Youlton, J.W. 1981; and others.

**PORTISHEAD.**—Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Royal Hotel. Present: Bros. L. A. Weatherly, M.D., W.M.; F. G. Dimery, S.W.; C. L. Thomas, J.W.; Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly, Chap.; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., Treas.; W. Minns, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Bate, S.D.; W. Glasspole, J.D.; W. Rice, P.M., D.C.; W. T. Shapland, I.G.; T. H. Bethell, Stwd.; F. Simpkins, Tyler; Geo. Dando, I.P.M.; Robt. Compton, P.P.G.D. Bristol, P.M.; J. Carey, Daltry, Blackmore, Shepherd, Boys, Berry, Wharton, Johnson, Billing, Boulton, and Maby. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M.; J. C. Hunt, P.G. Sec.; John Gard, P.P.G.J.W. Bristol; Jos. North, P.P.G.J.D. Mon.; E. J. Grubb, P.P.G.P. Bristol; T. Thomas, W.M. 103; C. Symons, P.M. 135; W. Taylor, S.W. 1078; W. Fletcher Eaves, 454; T. Webley, 68; A. C. C. Braham, 1780; and others.

After some preliminary business, including the voting of ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be added to the list of W. Bro. W. Rice, P.M., who has undertaken the duty of Steward at the next Festival, and appointing a Committee to revise the bye-laws, the chair was vacated by the W.M., when the W.D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., proceeded to install Bro. F. G. Dimery, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner, which was highly appreciated by the large attendance of brethren.

After being placed in the chair, the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. L. A. Weatherly, M.D., I.P.M.; C. L. Thomas, S.W.; W. K. Thomas, J.W.; Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly, M.A., Chap.; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., Treas.; W. Minns, P.M., Sec.; W. Glasspole, S.D.; W. T. Shapland, J.D.; W. Rice, P.M., D.C.; Thos. Bate, A.D.C.; E. Davey, Org.; T. H. Bethell, I.G.; A. H. Boys, M.D., and R. Blackmore, Stwds.; and F. Simpkins, Tyler.

The banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, the W.M. presiding, when a sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. Boulter in his usual excellent style, which called forth a hearty vote of thanks from the brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

**SPENNYMOOR.**—Whitworth Lodge (No. 1932).—On Wednesday, the 9th inst., the annual banquet of this lodge was held at the North-Eastern Commercial Hotel. There was a good gathering of officers, members, and visitors. Prior to the banquet the principal business was the installation of Bro. W. H. Turner, I.P.M., to the office of W.M., in succession to Bro. John Heslop. The other officers present were Bros. George Rutherford, S.W.; J. Turner, J.W.; J. N. Simpson, S.D.; J. Teasdale, J.D.; W. Rutter, I.G.; J. Laidler, P.M.; J. Taylor,

Tyler; and W. F. Sanderson, Secretary. The visitors were Bros. R. Render, 1121; W. Cochrane, 1121, 2019; J. Allison, 1121; W. Hudson, 1121; J. Barker, 1334; J. Nutton, 124; Thos. Bradley, 940; D. Whitehead, 1324; and C. J. Turner, Ormesby Lodge. Amongst the members present were Bros. W. Hardy, J. Farrow, W. B. Bolland, Thos. Morgan, F. Johnson, J. W. Fleming, R. Brown, and T. Black, jun.

**RUGELEY.**—St. Augustine's Lodge (No. 1941).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., at the lodge room, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Bro. George Buttery, W.M., presided, there being also present Bros. W. Ormson, S.W.; E. Marshall, J.W.; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. Pipe was raised to the Third Degree.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of supper, at which several loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed.

**CLACTON-ON-SEA.**—St. Osyth's Priory Lodge (No. 2063).—The first annual festival of this lodge was held at the Public Hall, on the 13th inst., when W. Bro. Walter J. Nunn, P.P.G.S.D. Suffolk, P.G.J. Suffolk, S.W., was installed in the chair of K.S. Through the inability of the D.P.G.M., V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., to reach England in time, the ceremony was performed by W. Bro. R. Haward Ives, I.P.M. 51, Prov. G. Asst. Sec., and he did it in a most impressive manner. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Sir J. H. Johnson, I.P.M.; W. M. Foxcroft, S.W.; J. P. Allen, J.W.; John Mann, P.P.G. Sec. Essex, Treas.; W. T. Hook, S.D.; T. H. Baker, J.D.; F. W. Lewellen, Org.; J. W. Aberdein, I.G.; C. H. Grosvenor and W. F. Reed, Stewards. After the usual addresses by the Installing Master, the W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to W. Bro. Ives for his kindness in undertaking the duties of Installing Master at so short a notice. The motion was carried by acclamation. The acting I.P.M. proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. W. W. Towse, whose death was so deeply deplored, remarking that this was the third loss by death the lodge had sustained in the last three months.

The W.M. having been unanimously elected representative of the lodge on the Charity Committee of the province, and other business transacted, the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Royal Hotel, an excellent dinner being as usual provided by the host, Bro. Wallis. The following brethren signed the presence book: Bros. W. J. Nunn, S.W.; J. Mann, Treas.; F. J. Nunn, Sec.; W. M. Foxcroft, S.D.; W. T. Hook, J.D.; W. Cattermole, I.G.; H. Hart, Tyler; T. H. Baker and H. Finer, Stwds.; W. R. Bloom, P.M. 1799; John Lawson, P.M. 1591; John M. Wheeler, 1495; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Haward Ives, I.P.M. 51, P.G. Asst. Sec.; S. Greenhill, 51; John Howe, 697; Henry Mason, P.M. 915; E. F. Canler, 1799; Chas. Hempson, P.M. 1799, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. Canler, 1799; Robert Legerton, 697; W. Partridge, 1799; F. R. Hales, W.M. 650, P.G.J.W.; F. King, P.M. 1056; W. Armstrong, P.M. 1592, P.P.G. J.D. Suffolk; Joseph Grimes, W.M. 51; R. H. Scott, W.M. 1799; E. Walker; A. G. Rickarby, I.P.M. 1799; J. Boulton, P.M. 1056, P.G.P.; W. T. Reed, John Starling, R. Womack, G. F. West, J. S. Joice, P. B. Harris, J. W. Aberdein, Norman Demaid, S. J. Sparling, James C. Allen, A. Penfold, G. Walker, William Iron, G. H. Riches, George Graham, James P. Allen, E. J. Gilders, Chas. Allen, M. H. Page, M. Matson, and C. H. Grosvenor.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland-street, Oxford-street, W., on Friday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. J. W. Harvey, W.M.; Paul, S.W.; Arnell, J.W.; Welch, P.M., Treas.; Deaton, Secretary; Baker, P.M., Preceptor; Toms, I.G.; Cobham, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, P.M., Preceptor. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, P.M. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree, and closed down. The lodge was then closed.

**EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD (No. 463).**—The weekly meetings of this lodge of instruction, which are held on Tuesday evenings at Bro. Bruce Johnson's, the King's Arms Hotel, Katharine-street, Croydon, at 7.45, have now commenced. The first meeting was held on 1st inst., when eighteen brethren were present. Bro. J. S. Streeter, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, was elected Treasurer; Bro. Henry Hiscock, Secretary; and Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, Preceptor, for the session. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the charge given by the W.M. for the evening, Bro. W. H. Ranson. Several brethren having been proposed as members, the lodge was adjourned to the following Tuesday, when the chair was taken by Bro. W. Nicholls, W.M. of the mother lodge.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. M. J. Green, W.M.; P. Burton, S.W.; E. C. Mulvey, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. Coleman, S.D.; P. Chandler, J.D.; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1425, I.G.; E. J. Day, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W.; J. Stevens, W.M. 1425; A. E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; G. Davis, P.M. 167; J. C. Conway, C. S. Note, O. W. Battley, H. Robinson, G. Dickinson, H. Curtis, and W. Death. Visitor: Bro. H. Foan, 1614.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Dickinson and Robinson candidates respectively. Bro. Captain Nicols worked the 2nd Section of the 2nd lecture. Bro. Foan was elected a member. Bro. Burton was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed until the 28th inst., when brethren and members of the lodge of instruction are particularly requested to attend for important business.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; J. R. Harnell, S.W.; W. Fowles, J.W., also acting as Preceptor; R. Kirk, S.D.; P. Nichols, J.D.; C. Ralph, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; J. Woodward, J. Rowe, S. Hewitt, Wilkie Jones, R. J. Harnell, A. Dickson, and T. E. Weeks;

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Woodward having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put and answered, and he retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the degree of F.C. Bro. Wilkie Jones offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the degree of M.M. Lodge closed in the Third and then the Second Degree. Bro. W. Fowles worked the 1st Section of this lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed that Bro. J. R. Harnell, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week. Seconded by Bro. J.W.; carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**UBIQUA LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Green, sen., W.M.; Grist, S.W.; Mimms, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Mann, J.D.; Glover, I.G.; Plattely, P.M.; Wade, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; Forscutt, O. D. Ward, Chiccott, Gilbert, Snook, C. White, P.M., Nicholls, Witts, P.M., and Coulthard.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gilbert being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Brindley and Nicholls, candidates to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and were entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bros. Brindley and Nicholls being the candidates. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Witts, P.M. 144, and O. D. Ward, 144, were unanimously elected joining members, these brethren having replied; the W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Grist was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street West, Hammersmith, W.C. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; John Brown, S.W.; W. W. Williams, J.W.; W. Johnson, Sec.; H. Price, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; Perdue, P.M., I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler, E. Aving, P.M., Preceptor; Wing, Kench, Major, and Smithers. Visitors: Bros. Price and Robinson.

Lodge opened in the three Degrees. The third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. G. Price being the candidate. Bro. H. Price, P.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the 1st Section of this lecture. The lodge was then closed in the three Degrees. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Saturday evening, the 26th inst., and visitors are invited.

## Royal Arch.

**ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).**—A regular convocation was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 10th inst. Ex. Comp. F. Thurston was assisted by Ex. Comps. E. Walker, H.; G. Edwards, J.; H. Lovegrove, P.Z., S.E.; L. J. Fountain, P.S.; J. Smith, 1st Asst. Soj.; C. J. Axford, 2nd Asst. Soj.; F. Foxall, P.Z.; E. Dodson, P.Z.; F. Dunn, P.Z.; R. Potter, Janitor; A. Darch, C. R. Williams, E. W. Lewcock, A. J. Bellis, J. Reid, and W. Lloyd. Visitors: Ex. Comps. J. Stevens, P.Z.; A. C. Bradley, P.Z.; H. E. Francis, P.Z.; H. Harris, J.; C. H. Phillips; and H. Hooper.

A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Ex. Comp. H. Webb, Treas. A jewel was voted to Comp. Thurston. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Ex. Comps. E. Walker, Z.; G. Edwards, H.; J. Smith, J.; F. Dunn, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, S.E.; L. J. Fountain, S.N.; C. J. Axford, P.S.; and R. Potter, Janitor. This most successful meeting of the chapter was followed by a banquet, at which the M.E.Z. presided.

**SUNDERLAND.**—St. John's Chapter (No. 80).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., Comp. A. T. Munro presiding. The election of the principals and officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Comps. J. Mitchinson, Z.; R. W. Halfnight, H.; J. Egglestone, J.; H. E. Crisp, E., re-elected; T. A. Simpson, N.; Fred. Maddison, Treas.; J. E. Nelson, P.S., and J. W. Brown, Janitors.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A meeting of this Chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 12th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. J. B. Ryley, M.D., P.G.J. Middx., P.Z., in the First Principal's chair, in the unavoidable absence through illness of Comp. Goodchild; E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., Treasurer, acting H.; T. C. Walls, P.G. P. Soj. Middx., P.Z., S.E., acting J.; C. Stevens, P.G. Org. Middx.; W. Lane, acting Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Ex. Comp. Thiellay, in the name of the chapter, presented Ex. Comp. Ryley with a Past Principal's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to the I.P.Z. at the last meeting. Ex. Comp. Thiellay then gave notice of motion that "At the next convocation the advisability of reducing the number of meetings be considered, and other matters for the future prosperity of the chapter be discussed."

Apologies for non-attendance from Comps. Wingate, W. H. Lee, and others having been read, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. There were no toasts.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).—This chapter met at the Griffin Hotel, on Monday, the 21st inst., when there were present Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z., S.E., as H.; Orrige, as J.; F. Bennett, acting S.N.; Hoare, acting P.S.; Tremere, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. John Bennett, 1929, who had been previously balloted for, was duly and impressively exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by the acting M.E.Z. Communications from Comps. Lott, Grand Org., M.E.Z.; Phillips, H.; Thomas, P.S.; Aynsley, and others, apologizing for non-attendance having been read, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. There were no toasts.

Bro. the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, addressed a numerous meeting of the electors at Gloucester on the 16th inst.

## Allied Masonic Degrees.

**MARYPORT.**—W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—The quarterly meeting and first since the consecration, in June last, was held on Monday, the 14th inst. Bro. P. de E. Collin, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and members: Bros. Col. F. R. Sewell, S.W.; J. Nicholson, J.W.; Jas. Gardiner, Sec.; J. C. Thompson, Treas.; Geo. Dalrymple, S.D.; Jas. Dickinson, J.D.; J. Abbott, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Eden, Stwd.; and J. Messenger, Tyler; T. Brown, J. Kendall, J. Hodgson, J. O. Scott, E. B. Penrice, Thos. Atkinson, and Thos. Mandale.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, when Bros. John Paterson and Wm. Carlyle were balloted for and unanimously accepted as candidates, and, being in attendance, they were admitted to the Order of Knights of Constantine. A draft of bye-laws read by Bro. Collin was, by a unanimous vote, approved of, and wait confirmation. The council was then closed in form.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. Henry Garrod, G.P., occupied the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., A. A. Pendlebury, Neville Green, and W. Dodd also attended.

There were also present Bros. G. P. Britten, P.M.; W. H. Perryman, P.M.; G. P. Gillard, P.M. 657; George Read, P.M.; E. F. Storr, P.M., Treas. 22; C. Fredk. Hogard, P.M. 205; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; T. Cull, P.M. 1446; Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183; A. McMillan, P.M. 1365; Thos. Marsh, P.M. 1094; Wm. P. Brown, P.M. 90; Chas. Sheppard, W.M. 1366; W. Nevins, W.M. 1076; J. Driscoll, P.M. 1579; C. J. Richardson, W.M. 1420; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; J. Moon, P.M. 1567; Joseph Harling, P.M. 30; Percy W. Taylor, 409; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; John Noyes, P.M. 1327; Bentley Haynes, W.M. 27; J. Warren, P.M. 1348; Fletcher Knight, W.M. 1326; F. Knipier, W.M. 1044; W. Beavis, W.M. 879; Henry Baldwin, W.M. 1949; Henry Payne, P.M. 720; Herbert Dickets, P.M. 23; Henry Potter, P.M. 11; Walter H. Hehl, W.M. 704; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed the recommendations made at the August meeting to the amount of £140. There were 29 cases on the new list, seven only being London cases. Twelve were cases of widows. The total sum granted or recommended was £675, which was composed of two sums of £50 each, five of £40 each, five of £30 each, one of £25, six of £20 each, two of £15 each, four of £10 each, and two of £5 each. Two cases were deferred.

The Board then adjourned.

## NEW MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

### INAUGURAL FESTIVAL OF THE "ALPASS" BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The most unique and interesting gathering which has ever been held in connection with the Masonic Order in the Province of West Lancashire took place at Southport on the 17th inst., when the "Alpass" Benevolent Institution was started under the most hopeful auspices. The brother whose name has been given to the new scheme of benevolence in this province was deservedly respected by all the brethren who had the opportunity of witnessing his performance of important Masonic duties, especially as P.G. Secretary, for a long series of years. It was therefore thought desirable that, in view of the eminently valuable services to the Order of Bro. H. S. Alpass, his name should be closely identified with the new scheme of Charity which will give material weight to the reputation for benevolence which is already possessed by the division. The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, for the benefit of the little ones, with an invested capital of something like £18,000, has long been recognised as a model Masonic Institute, carried out without the expenditure of a single farthing for official salaries; and the Hamer Benevolent Fund, instituted for the purpose of aiding aged and distressed Freemasons, with an invested capital which has now reached about £2000, is also looked upon with pride by the brethren of the district. The object of the Alpass Benevolent Fund is to give aid not only to the aged widows of deceased Freemasons, but also to afford material assistance to those who, though young in years, have been deprived of the breadwinners of the family. The scheme has been taken up with the greatest heartiness throughout the entire province, and the joint Secretaries (Bros. W. Goodacre and J. H. Barrow) had the privilege of giving a most hopeful account of the prospects of the youngest Masonic Charity in this division.

The President is Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the Patroness, the Countess of Lathom; the Trustees, Bros. the Right Hon. Col. F. A. Stanley, V.W.D.P.G.M.; E. Pierpoint, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; and W. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Prov. G. Sec.; the Committee, Bros. Thos. Forrester, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Chairman; W. B. Ackerley, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; E. Pierpoint, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. C. Erwin, P.M., P.G.A. Sec.; J. Beesley, P.M., P.G.S.; R. Foote, P.M.; W. C. Freeman, P.M.; S. H. Hartley, P.M.; C. Wadsworth, P.M.; R. Townley, S.W.; and S. Jude, J.W.; the Treasurer, Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; and the Secretaries, Bros. W. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and J. H. Barrow, P.M., P.G.S.

The inaugural festival, to which ladies as well as Masonic brethren were invited (about 120 being present), took place on the 17th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport, the post of Chairman on the occasion being occupied by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M., Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, who was accompanied by the Countess of Lathom. The other prominent representatives of the province present were Bros. Dr.

Evans, P.G.S.W.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G.T.; John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; W. Erwin, P.G.A. Sec.; J. Beesley, P.G.S.; J. H. Barrow, P.G.S.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Paull, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Foote, P.P.G.S.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. A. H. Wood, W.M. 1713; Rev. T. F. Leslie, P.M. 1713; C. Wadsworth, P.M. 292; T. H. W. Walker, W.M. 1675; T. Tunstall, P.M. 1035; P. G. Hallwood, I.G. 1505; D. Williams, 1675; J. Adams, P.M. 613; S. Boyce, W.M. 1313; J. Platt, P.M. 1313; Dr. Hendry, S.W. 1756; J. Johnston, P.M. 1756; M'Alister, 1756; C. Bargey, P.M. 1756; J. Smith, W.M. 897; G. Morgan, P.M. 155; P. J. Whitham, P.M. 1613; W. Burnet, J.W. 1505; J. Hesketh, W.M. 1070; J. Sutton, P.M. 613; H. Kidson, W.M. 613; J. Duncan, jun., P.P.G. D.C.; J. H. Parker, P.M. 1547; G. D. Pochin, P.P. G.R.; H. Vollmer, P.P.G.S.D.; S. Hartley, P.M. 86; C. Barry, W.M. 680; W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.J.W.; D. Jones, P.M. 1070; John Cobham, P.M. 241, 1380, &c.; W. Townley, 1398; H. W. Johnston, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Hatch, P.M. 613; and J. Whitehead, P.M. 1313.

The banquet, served under the personal direction of Bro. C. O. Wilkinson, manager of the Prince of Wales Hotel, was of the best class, and elicited universal praise.

After the toast of "The Queen" had been enthusiastically honoured, Bro. the Earl of LATHOM gave "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." Referring to the recent visit of the Prince to Lancashire, his lordship said his Royal Highness, while regretting his necessarily brief stay, expressed a hope that at no distant date he might be able to meet the brethren of the province in his Masonic capacity.

Bro. Dr. EVANS, P.G.S.W., who proposed "The Earl and Countess of Lathom," referred to the extreme popularity of his lordship as a Masonic chief, and added that it was a happy circumstance, that the inauguration of the Alpass Benevolent Fund took place on the anniversary of the Countess of Lathom's birthday. (Loud applause.)

Lord LATHOM, in acknowledging the compliment, said he felt the kindness of the brethren very sincerely, and expressed a strong hope that the new institution would prove a worthy memorial of a brother whom they all cordially admired, and whose death they deeply regretted. Referring to the presence of Lady Lathom on the occasion, his lordship said that as her birth had given the greatest happiness to her parents, and her life had been attended by brightness and happiness, he trusted that her participation in the festival of that day would be the beginning of a bright era in the history of the new and noble Charity. In submitting the toast of "The Alpass Benevolent Institution," the Earl said it was one of his proudest boasts outside the province that in West Lancashire they had a complete aggregation of Masonic Charities amongst themselves. (Applause.) While they must all admire the London Charities, he thought the brethren of West Lancashire were justified in congratulating themselves in doing their own charitable work within their own province. They had the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for the benefit of children; the Hamer Benevolent Fund, which was specially established for the benefit of old men; and now, as a corner-stone of the charitable fabric of the province, they were privileged to inaugurate that day the Alpass Benevolent Institution, which was founded for the relief of widows of brethren. He felt the utmost delight at the announcement of the initial success of the new scheme of Charity, and hoped that the brethren of the province would not rest satisfied until they had an invested capital of something like £5000. (Applause.)

Bro. GOODACRE, P.G. Sec., who has taken a very deep and active interest in the formation of the Institution, acknowledged the toast, conveying his warmest thanks for the general and generous support which the brethren had extended to the scheme. He then read a list of subscribers, the total amount being about £1000.

"The Board of Stewards," given by Bro. S. H. HARTLEY, was responded to by Bro. FORRESTER.

Bro. R. WYLIE next proposed "The Sister Institutions of the Province," the toast being replied to by Bro. GEO. MORGAN.

The concluding toast, that of "The Ladies," was given by Bro. JOHN HOULDING.

A musical programme of a varied and agreeable character was given in the course of the banquet by Miss F. Armstrong, Bros. D. Williams, Hesketh, and Walter Burnet, the latter gentleman presiding at the piano.

## THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AT KIRRIEMUIR.

On Friday, the 18th inst., Kirriemuir was the scene of a twofold event in connection with the building of its new Town Hall. The earlier portion occurred in the forenoon, and consisted in the formal opening by Bro. the Earl of Airlie, recently returned from the Sudan, of a bazaar in aid of the Building Fund for the said proposed Town Hall, and the latter half, which took place at 1.30 p.m., in the ancient and imposing ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Hall by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, M.W. Bro. Sir A. Campbell, Bart., of Blythwood, who was supported by the principal office-bearers of Grand Lodge, and brethren, among them being Bros. the Earl of Haddington, Depute G.M.; Col. Kenloch; R. J. Shaw-Stewart; Sheriff Thoms, P.G.M. Calthness, Orkney, and Shetland; J. T. F. Elliot, jun., of Wolfelee, G.S.D.; the Earl of Airlie, and others. The preliminaries usual on these occasions having been complied with, the brethren were marshalled in procession, and, accompanied by representatives of the different local industries and trades, made their way to the site of the Hall, where the Grand Master Mason, having been previously presented by the chairman of the Building Committee with a handsome silver trowel, laid the stone with full Masonic ceremonial, and in the manner prescribed by ancient usage.

At the close of the function, the crowds dispersed, and the brethren returned to their quarters and were dismissed, after which luncheon was served at the Airlie Arms Hotel, and the necessary toasts having been honoured, the meeting broke up and wended their way to the bazaar, which was re-opened in the evening and was continued throughout the day following. Everthing seems to have passed off most satisfactorily, and we hope it will turn out that the bazaar has yielded a substantial benefit to the Building Fund of the Hall.

Ireland.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT AT HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE.

On Tuesday morning, the 15th inst., his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, who, with the Countess of Carnarvon and Lady Winifred Herbert, is the guest of Lady Downshire, at Hillsborough Castle, received deputations representing the tenant-farmers and inhabitants of Hillsborough and the Masonic body of County Down. The deputations were received in the ballroom of the Castle. His Excellency was accompanied by the Countess of Carnarvon; Lady Winifred Herbert; Col. Caulfield, Comptroller; Capt. Jekyll, Private Secretary; Capt. Ormsby Gore, A.D.C.; the Right Hon. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P.; and Sir Thomas Bateson, Bart., M.P. There were also present Dowager Marchioness of Downshire, Marchioness of Downshire, Lady Arthur Hill, Countess of Roden, Lady Annesley, De Ros, Lady Bangor, Hon. Miss Ward, Hon. Mrs. Lady Caulfield, Hon. Lady Bateson, Mrs. Ker, Montalto; and Mrs. Forde, Seaforde.

A deputation of Freemasons, representing the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down, was introduced to his Excellency by Lord Arthur Hill, Prov. Grand Master of Down. The deputation was composed as follows: Rt. Hon. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., P.G.M.; Major Thompson, D.G.M.; Capt. Alexander, S.G.W.; W. I. Henry, P.G.S.W.; S. Gordon, P.G.S.D.; J. M. Cleland, G.L.I.; W. J. Bains; T. S. Howe, P.M. 66; W. Graham, Lisburn, P.K. 66; J. Ludlow, Sec. 659; W. J. McGifford, P.M. 66, P.S.B.; A. Morrow, P.M. 683; R. Philpot, 683; J. Vaughan, J.W. 66; M. Frazer, P.M. 240; J. A. Vaughan, Sec. 66; Thos. Poole, 314; F. Clayton, S.D. 66; A. Burdon, 683; J. Jackson, I.G. 66; J. Naylor, 683; W. J. Irvine, J.W. 683; G. Waugh, W.M. 66; T. M'Kaig, 240; A. M'Clelland, G.J.W.; G. M'Clure, 109, Banbridge; T. A. Robinson, P.G.S.W.; W. Johnston, P.M., P.K. 178; and J. Gibson, D.D. 683.

Lord ARTHUR HILL, who wore the insignia of Provincial Grand Master, then read the following address to his Excellency from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down:—  
To the Right Worshipful his Excellency the Right Hon. Henry Howard Molyneux, Earl of Carnarvon, P.C., Lord Lieut.-General and General Governor of Ireland, Pro Grand Master of the Freemasons of England.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—  
We, the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Grand Officers, Past and Present, and brethren of the Masonic Province of Down, wish to extend to you a truly fraternal greeting upon this your first visit to our province.

As the representative of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, we desire to assure you of our devoted attachment to her Majesty, and to convey to you that we, like all good and true Masons, will ever be found arrayed upon the side of law and order.

We rejoice to see the position in which our brethren on the other side of the Channel have placed you, showing as it does the estimation in which you are held by them.

Allow us to add the prayer that the Supreme Architect of the Universe may long spare you to be an active member to adorn the Brotherhood, and that from His Sovereign hand you and Lady Carnarvon may receive the double blessing of long life and happiness.

We remain, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Masonic Lodge of Down, yours fraternally,

ARTHUR HILL, P.G.M.  
LESLIE J. THOMSON, D.G.M.  
W. T. HENRY, Sec. pro tem.

Hillsborough, 15th September, 1885.

HIS EXCELLENCY, in reply, said: Lord Arthur Hill and brethren—I see before me an assemblage very Masonic in some respects, but yet I fear wanting in some other elements which I consider necessary to Masonry. In the first place, I am not myself attired in the proper garb to receive such a deputation as this—an omission, however, which is not my fault, the emblems which it is my privilege to wear as a member of the Brotherhood having been left in England; and, in the next place, we are honoured to-day by the presence of a good many ladies in this room, and highly as we prize their society in all other matters, of a Masonic meeting they really do not form a part. (Laughter.) However, though from a strictly Masonic point of view your deputation is a somewhat informal one, it is none the less welcome to me. I am delighted to meet my Masonic brethren in all parts of the country, and wherever I may go. I have listened to the address which Lord Arthur Hill has been good enough to read with feelings of the most lively pleasure and interest. You assure me in that address of your loyalty to the person and throne of her Gracious Majesty the Queen, and I am satisfied that those feelings of loyalty animate you, as, indeed, they seem to animate every class in this country with whom I have yet been brought into contact. The assurance of the loyalty of Masons, indeed, is almost unnecessary when it is remembered that the head of the Order in England is his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Applause.) You also assure me of your devotion to the cause of law and order. That sentiment—though again I did not need to be assured of it in so many words—I rejoice to hear, because law and order and reverence for the Constitution lie at the bottom of all Masonry. (Applause.) By the favour of our illustrious Grand Master in England, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, I hold the high and honourable office to which you allude, which office has brought me into connection largely with Masonic matters in England. I can only say this, that the Masonic body is a strong one there, and that we consider the great landmarks of the Order—the fundamental principles by which we live and act—are Charity and kindness and the relief of those who are in distress—(applause)—and these I know to be the principles taught by Masonry all the world over. We have, I am happy to think, done much in England in this respect. Year by year large sums have been subscribed for the purposes of Charity; and Institutions for the relief of the suffering, the destitute, the old, the young, have been founded and maintained from the funds of the Order. These are objects in which men of all classes and creeds may unite in promoting; and I hope and believe that in Ireland, as in England, these are the great objects and principles which you will always keep steadily in view. (Applause.) Gentlemen, I thank you very much for your attendance here to-day. The address I have heard read is a very welcome one, and it gives me great pleasure to make my first personal acquaintance with my brother Masons of this country.

The officers and members of the provincial Grand Lodge were then each presented to his Excellency by Lord Arthur Hill, after which the deputation retired.

The weather from early morning up till an advanced hour in the afternoon was simply wretched, heavy rain falling incessantly, and the Viceregal party were prevented from leaving the Castle. It had been announced that his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by the Countess of Carnarvon and Lady Herbert, would drive from Hillsborough to Lisburn, in order to visit the Thompson Memorial Home for Incurables, but in consequence of the terrible weather their Excellencies were reluctantly compelled to abandon the visit. This naturally caused much disappointment, not only in the town in which the Viceregal party were eagerly awaited, and the principal streets of which had been gaily decorated with flags in honour of the expected visit, but also at the Home itself. At the latter, notwithstanding the inclement weather, a large company had assembled to receive their Excellencies, including Rev. Canon Pounnden and H. J. M'Canee, J.P., Trustees; R. H. Bland, J.P., Deputy Chairman; J. N. Richardson, Dr. S. Musgrave, J.P.; M. J. Smyth, H. M'Call, E. J. Bristow, T. Montgomery, J.P.; Rev. S. Moore, J. Richardson, H. Darbshire, Rev. G. Chamberlaine, Major M'Clintock, J.P.; J. Pim, Rev. J. L. Bigger, J. Barr, R. Morrow, R. G. Dunville, J.P.; H. H. M'Neill, J.P., D.L., R. Bland, J.P., G. H. Clarke, Rev. J. C. Smythe, J. Preston, G. W. Ferguson, Dr. J. W. T. Smith, J. M'Canee Blizard, S. Bruce, W. R. Bruce, members of the General Committee; Mrs. Pim, Mrs. J. Richardson, Mrs. T. Richardson, Mrs. W. Ewing, Miss Corken, Miss Bruce, Miss Pounnden, Miss M'Canee, lady members of the Board of Management; Rev. Messrs. Powell and Brownrigg, Mr. E. Blackwood Wright, Mrs. Corker, Miss Corker, Mrs. Smythe, Mrs. P. Goodbody, the Misses Richardson, Misses M'Canee, Mrs. and Miss Johnston Smyth, Mrs. J. D. Barbour, Miss Fennell, Bray; Miss M. J. M'Call, Mrs. St. George, Mrs. Major, and others.

Their Excellencies' visit was expected to take place at three o'clock, but about half an hour after that time an orderly rode up with the following letter from the Lord Lieutenant addressed to Canon Pounnden:

"Hillsborough, 15th September.

"My dear Sir,—

"I had arranged with Lord Arthur Hill to take advantage of your invitation to pay a visit to the Thompson Memorial Home, of which I had heard so much, and which I was very anxious to see. But the weather is such that I very reluctantly give up the visit at the last moment. It is a disappointment to me, and I can only hope that the change of plan will not give inconvenience to those who expected me.—Believe me, yours faithfully,

"CARNARVON."

Rev. Canon POUNDEN announced the receipt of the letter to those assembled, and wrote a reply to his Excellency's note, which he forwarded by the mounted messenger.

South Africa.

KIMBERLEY.—Corner Stone (Mark) Lodge (No. 217).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Giddy Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 21st ult., there being a full attendance, and the ceremony being ably and effectively performed by Bro. R. M. Roberts, P.M., assisted by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. J. Ball. The following is a list of the officers for the present year, namely: Bros. G. Richard, W.M.; Charles Aburrow, S.W.; T. H. Burt, J.W.; Shepperd, M.O.; J. S. Stuart, S.O.; J. Pain, J.O.; F. E. Pistorius, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Norden, P.M., Sec.; C. Rolfe, S.D.; F. Illig, I.G.; and C. Shaw, Tyler.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES SMYTH.

We regret to record the death of Bro. James Smyth, who had lately resigned the leadership of the Royal Artillery Band at Woolwich, at his residence in Forest Hill, on the 3rd inst., after a few days' illness, in the 68th year of his age. He was initiated at Malta upwards of thirty years ago. He was a member of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 706, then 1008, when its members formed a Mark lodge under the Scotch Constitution, which lodge fell into desuetude for some years, but was revived in 1880, as No. 44, under the Grand Mark Lodge of England, with Bro. Smyth as its first W.M. Our late brother was also W.M. of the Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 226. Served as Grand Mark Steward in 1880. He was a member of the Ubique Craft Lodge, and of the Allied Degrees. Our lamented brother was also a member of the 18°. He has left a widow to deplore his decease, but no children.

BRO. HUMPHREY HORSPOOL.

The mortal remains of the late Bro. Humphrey Horspool were interred in Wallasey Churchyard on Friday, the 18th inst. The deceased was the youngest P.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, Liverpool, and was much esteemed in Masonic circles, as well as by all who knew him in business. The chief mourners were Mr. H. Horspool (son), Miss Annie Horspool (daughter), Mr. T. Horspool (brother), Mrs. Evans (sister), and Mr. J. Garrett (father-in-law). There also followed Mrs. Ballard, Mr. T. Cockrill, Mr. J. B. Entwistle, and Mr. R. Wolf. Among the Masonic brethren present to testify their esteem were Bros. Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; Thomas Marsh, P.M. 1094; R. Washington, P.M. 1094; Wm. Healing, P.M. 1094; J. Alexander, P.M. 1094; R. C. Yelland, P.M. 1094; H. B. Jones, P.M. 1094; Evan J. Callow, I.P.M. 1094; R. Bethell, W.M. 1094; F. E. Boustead, J.W. 1094; M. Alexander, S.D. 1094; G. Alexander, I.G. 1094; M. Yeoman, Sutherland, Bell, Edward Sefton, Chater, and other brethren of 1094; T. Rice, 1030; F. A. Rainbow, Sec. 1393; S. Fraser, Sec. 1264; W. Jones, S.D. 1264; and others. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wiseman.

BRO. W. CRANE.

On Friday, the 18th inst., the mortal remains of Bro. W. Crane, P.M., 1094, Liverpool, were interred in Smithdown-road Cemetery, in the presence of a large gathering of friends and brethren. Amongst the latter were Bros. W.

Jones, P.M. 220 and 1299; J. Whalley, P.M. 249; W. H. Veevers, P.M. 594; Craig, 673; Sharples, S.W. 724; Armstrong, 724; Tempest Fozzard, P.M. 1035; Ravenscroft, 1264; F. B. Bramham, P.M.; J. F. Booth, I.G.; T. S. Ramsey, J. Fletcher, Smallwood, 1299; W. Gilbert, Ladyman, P.M. 1547; and others. It is a remarkable circumstance that Bro. Horspool—referred to above—and Bro. Crane were the first and last Past Masters of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094.



The next novelty at the Comedy will be a comic opera by Messrs. Paulton and Jakobowski, called "Erminie." Miss Florence St. John will play the title rôle. Bro. Henry Bracey, the excellent tenor, will be one of the company.

To-night (Saturday) witnesses the long looked for play, "Dark Days," dramatised by Mr. Comyns Carr, from the late Hugh Conway's book of the same name. Miss Lingard, Mr. Barrymore, Bro. Pateman, Miss Lydia Foote, and Mr. Beerbohm Tree are the chief performers. The scenery has been painted by Messrs. Telbin, Perkins, and Johnstone.

The hitherto unfortunate Novelty Theatre is rendered still more so by the production of "The Japs," the work of Mr. Henry Paulton and Mr. Tedde. From beginning to end it does the authors not the slightest credit. Should this burlesque be worked out of the mire it is in at present, it will not owe any thanks to its writers, but to the three principals, Bro. Lionel Brough and Mr. and Mrs. Edouin. But we fear even all their talent will not make it successful. There is no plot, but in extravaganza one might overlook that, but the dialogue is weak, insipid, and stupid; it begins no where, leads to the same place, and is entirely incoherent. Had Messrs. Paulton and Tedde combined to put together a piece devoid of interest, with not a particle of humour in it, then we must say they have scored a success. We noticed, owing to the long waits between the acts, many people left before the last act began. We wish we had done the same, for then we should have been spared sitting out one of the dullest of the many performances we have seen, the last act being even worse than the first. If the dialogue of "The Japs" could be written up to its beautiful stage mounting and commensurate with the cast, then would it be successful. We can give nothing but praise to the scenery, dresses, music, and the principal artistes who play in it, but the principals have no tools to work with. We felt it a thousand pities that Bro. Lionel Brough should be engaged in such poor stuff as "The Japs." His catch phrase, "I'll have it stuffed," even fell flat. On Miss Alice Atherton falls the burden of the burlesque, who makes her chief success in a ditty composed specially for her by Bro. Meyer Lutz, P.M. Asaph Lodge, which is arranged to admit the characterisation of Irish, German, nigger, and other nationalities. This pretty song was well encored, and we hope to hear it again in some other play. Miss Atherton also undertook to portray the various types of "masher," and a lady in a ball room. These were only appreciated because clever. Mr. Edouin (her husband) did his best to shine; but how could he when so handicapped? He raised a laugh when Bro. Brough dropped a dish, and remarked that in England it would be more prized when cracked; he replied—representing a Japanese "Arri"—what a prize then he would be. He also performed the feat of lighting a cigar at the end of the red nose of a soldier, and his grotesque facial expressions caused laughter. Miss Harriet Vernon, a young lady whose name is quite new to us, plays the part of the lover very nicely—she has a commanding presence, and acts with perfect ease; she probably will be heard of again. "The Japs" has a sub-name—"The Doomed Daimio"—very appropriate, for we should say it was "doomed" from Saturday last. It was played for a week each at Bristol and Brighton, and we heard from the former place with success. This only shows once more that the provinces cannot speak for London. When, at the close of the performance, Bro. Brough came forward and announced that the authors were not in the house, he was told "we don't want them." The sooner the management reinstates "The Babes," which we think had not lost any of its popularity, the better for every one.

Bro. Alexander Henderson has not long kept in retirement, for, although he has sub-let his own theatre—the Comedy—he has once more opened the Avenue with an old and favourite comic opera, which, we are glad to say, has been received with every sign of success. We hear that he has an opera called "Indiana," by M. Andran, in preparation; but at present it cannot be wanted. M. Chassaigui's "Falka" is now holding the boards with all its old éclat; but with two exceptions a new cast. We understand that there are at this time two companies playing "Falka" in the provinces. Of the many pretty and tuneful operas Mr. H. B. Farnie has given us in England, this is one of the greatest in favour. The choruses have been well rehearsed, the dresses are as pretty, and the stage management as perfect as before. Miss Violet Cameron, whom we all welcome back to her old haunts, repeats an impersonation she has made her own, and we do not think after seeing her we should like another Falka. Her solos and duets are encored, and responded to as much as ever, and she plays as vivaciously as she did in 1883, when the opera was produced. Miss Lillie Wadman, as Edwige, we think, has improved even in the rendering of her part; her voice seems more powerful, and she herself more at ease. From first to last she elicits applause, which is well earned. Mr. Lytton Grey, the successor of Mr. Kelleher, as Arthur, is very good, though not so droll as the original. Mr. Sam Wilkinson must be forgiven if he copies the voice and mannerisms of Bro. Penley, who previously played the lay brother, Pelcian, the door-keeper of the convent school; he could not improve upon the character. The Tancred of Mr. Lonnin is very droll, but perhaps a little forced; when more familiar with the part; he will play it better. Bro. Dallas, as Fobach, is very funny, but he always is on any stage and in any part, his topical allusions produce much applause. Mr. Hayden Coffin, who was first

heard of at the Empire in "The Lady of the Locket," is admirable as Bolislas. Our only doubt is that he is too good. He not only acts with spirit, but his baritone voice is so rich and clear that he becomes a great acquisition to the stage. We should venture to say that unless other arrangements are already made there will be little need to change the programme for some time. Bro. D'Albertson is once more the acting manager, his assistant being Mr. Dove Keighley. In the hands of these gentlemen everything goes swimmingly.

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A painful, but somewhat entertaining dispute is being carried on in "The Era" respecting the authorship of "The Silver King," which was announced to be the joint work of Mr. Henry Herman and Mr. H. A. Jones. From their own letters the outside public can judge but little, probably the only person who could settle the affair would be Bro. Wilson Barrett, but he is not likely to intervene. One writer claims to have conceived the plot, whilst the other claims the authorship because he wrote the dialogue. It is a pity that they have taken to wash their dirty linen in public, for the general public do not care in the least how much either had to do with it; suffice it for them that "The Silver King" was one of the finest of the dramas of this age.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; C. Hamerton, G. Swd. Br.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; James Peters, P.G. Swd. Br.; E. H. Finney, H. Massey, Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Arthur E. Gladwell, F. Adlard, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting and of the House Committee for information, an additional vacancy was declared for the October election in consequence of the withdrawal of Beatrice Elizabeth Wright from the School.

On the motion of Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, it was resolved that a sum not exceeding £20 be allowed to enable S. L. Bellamy and H. L. Ward to take lessons at the Crystal Palace in the theory and harmony of music. Bro. Matthews explained that these girls had shown great taste for music, and they were being retained in the School on account of the taste they had shown. He thought it would be greatly to the advantage of the School that these girls having displayed so much taste should be encouraged in their pursuit of the knowledge of music.

The next business was the consideration of the recommendation of various meetings of the House Committee as to the purchase of certain land adjoining the School grounds at Battersea-rise. The object of the proposed purchase was to prevent a depreciation of the Institution's property by the erection of small houses on the north and east sides of the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN in proposing that a special meeting of the general meeting be called for Tuesday, October 6th, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering a motion of which he gave notice—"That the provisional extract, dated 23rd September, 1885, for the purchase of £5,700 of the land on the north and east sides of the Institution at St. John's-hill, Battersea-rise, as shown upon the plan annexed to such contract be approved; and that the trustees be authorised to carry the same into effect," said that some time ago the Institution had the whole of this property offered to them for the sum of £30,000. That subject was brought before the general body of subscribers, and the offer was refused. Since then plans had been laid before the Committee of the proposed laying out of the estate for building purposes, and it was found that by that scheme the School would only have a frontage of something like 30 feet in the Wandsworth-road, but by purchasing the strip of land now proposed to be purchased they would have a frontage of 754 feet in addition to that which they already possessed. It would most heavily depreciate the Institution's property if it only had its present frontage, and allowed the north and east sides to be built upon with small houses, the ground-rents of which would be only £7 to £10. The back gardens of these houses would come directly up the walls of the School grounds, which would consequently be overlooked. If at any time the Institution wished to sell its property at Battersea-rise the value of it would be very much more having the frontage which the proposed purchase would give than without it. There had been an offer made by the proprietor, Mr. Heaver, to let the Institution have the land for £5,700. In 1877 an additional piece was bought for £2,500, which was at the price of £5,000 an acre. The present offer was not cheap. The piece offered for £5,700 was really more to the advantage of the Institution than the whole property which was offered for £30,000. Considering these circumstances the Committee authorised the Secretary to draw up a provisional contract for the purchase, and when this was done it was signed subject to the approval of the General Court. He should give notice for the next Quarterly Court in the terms above quoted, but as it was necessary that the subject should be discussed at the General Committee, and recommended by the Committee to the General Court, he would move "That a special meeting of the General Committee be called for Tuesday, the 6th of October, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to discuss this notice of motion."

The motion having been seconded, was agreed to, and the Committee adjourned.

#### The Craft Abroad.

##### LAYING FOUNDATION STONE OF A HOSPITAL IN AUSTRALIA WITH MASONIC HONOURS.

On the 5th July last, almost in the centre of the great Australian continent, an interesting Masonic ceremony took place, viz., the laying the corner-stone of a hospital for the little bush town of Narrandera, in New South Wales. In this place there is a lodge, under the Scottish Constitution, only opened last year, under the title of the Leopold, No. 706. The first and present R.W.M. is Bro. T. C. Robinson, P.M. of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth, England, who has not been three years a colonist, yet has not allowed the grass to grow under his feet. Bro. Robinson and the brethren of the Leopold Lodge were invited to perform the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the

hospital. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, on the date mentioned, when the brethren formed in procession, headed by a band of music, and marched to the site of the building, round which a large assemblage had gathered, some of whom had travelled many miles.

Bro. Robinson opened the proceedings as follows:—"In all ages it has been the custom for Freemasons to lay the foundation-stones of sacred edifices, public buildings, and charitable institutions. We appear before you to-day on the invitation of the hospital committee, and to follow the example of our ancient brethren, to lay the corner-stone of this building. As all our ceremonies are begun by asking the aid of the G.A.O.T.U., we ask you to join us in imploring His blessing and assistance in the work we have in hand."

A newspaper and scroll were then placed in the cavity under the stone, and the latter being lowered with three distinct pauses, it was tested by the J.W. with the plumb, by the S.W. with the level, by the Sub. M. with the square, and by the R.W.M. with the mallet, he saying: "May the G.A.O.T.U. deign to look down with benignity on this our undertaking, and may this edifice, of which we have just laid the corner-stone, be crowned with every success." The R.W.M. then scattered corn on the stone, saying: "I scatter corn over this stone, the emblem of abundance and plenty. May the building ever be blessed with pecuniary and skillful support." After pouring out wine, he said: "I pour wine over this stone, the emblem of strength and gladness. May all who come within these walls recover their strength and rejoice in renewed health." Then sprinkling oil, he said: "I sprinkle oil on this stone, the emblem of peace and harmony. May everything in future in connection with this building and its arrangements be conducted in peace and harmony."

After prayer, the Sub. M. addressed the assemblage, and was followed by Messrs. A. Robertson and H. Douglas, the president and vice-president of the institution. The sum of £75 having been laid on the stone, the proceedings terminated, and the brethren returned and closed the lodge.

A dinner was held in the evening, presided over by Mr. A. Robertson, Bro. Robinson, R.W.M., being croupier.

#### GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

The eleventh annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Fargo on the 9th-11th June last. Owing to the state of the roads, Grand Master F. Schrader was unable to be present at the initial proceedings, and his place was occupied during the first day by Bro. William Blatt, D.G.M., who was ably seconded by the rest of the Grand Officers. There were present the representatives of 56 chartered lodges and nine lodges under dispensation. The Grand Master, however, was present on the second day, and his address, which was of a most encouraging nature, was listened to with the greatest satisfaction. The work of the year included the constitution of eleven new lodges and the issue of dispensations for the formation of eighteen additional; two corner-stones had been laid with the accustomed ceremonial, and three halls dedicated to the uses of Freemasonry. Great progress had been made generally both as regards the numerical strength of the lodges in the jurisdiction and in the organisation of means to promote excellence of work. The Grand Lecturer's report, which showed that he had visited forty lodges and held schools of instruction in twenty-three of them, was also most acceptable, and it was resolved that his labours, having proved so beneficial, should be continued. The Grand Secretary reported that he had purchased a set of Grand Lodge jewels. Fifty dollars were voted for the purchase of bookcases for the Grand Lodge library; and Bro. T. S. Parvin having rendered valuable services to Dakota, it was resolved, in order to show the sense entertained by the brethren for what Bro. Parvin had done, that a testimonial should be organised, and a hundred dollars was at once voted for the purpose. A committee was appointed to revise the by-laws of G. Lodge, and Bros. Oscar S. Gifford, P.G.M., and George H. Hand, P.G.M., were presented, the former with a Past G. Master's jewel, and the latter with a gold watch and chain with a P.G.M.'s jewel engraved thereon. The returns show a total of 79 lodges chartered and under dispensation, with a membership of 2644. The finances are in a most flourishing state. Bro. W. Blatt is the new Grand Master, and Bro. Charles P. McCoy was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA.

There appears to have been an exceptional amount of activity in this jurisdiction during the current year. The 56th annual communication was held at Jacksonville in the latter half of January. There were present the representatives of 63 lodges, and the proceedings passed off satisfactorily. Bros. Robert J. Perry and De Witt C. Dawkins were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary respectively, and a Past G. Master's jewel was presented to M.W. Bro. Z. H. Mason. Portraits of Bros. Thomas Douglass, P.G.M., Samuel Boardman, D.G.M., G. F. Baltzell, P.G. S.W., and Z. H. Mason, P.G.M., were presented to Grand Lodge, as well as a gavel made from the old cherry tree which stood by Bro. General George Washington's residence at Mount Vernon. A special communication was held at Gainesville in February for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Court House of Alachua County, when all the ceremonies were conducted by M.W. Bro. W. A. McLean, P.G.M., who delivered a most suitable and interesting address. Three new lodges were constituted during the past year, while the death of only one conspicuous brother was reported, that of Bro. H. S. Reeves, D.D.G. Master.

#### DISTRICT G. LODGE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

The regular quarterly communication of this District G. Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Christchurch, on the 16th April last. R.W. Bro. B. H. Thompson, D.G.M., presided, and among the D.G. Officers and others present were Bros. W. Deamer, D.D.G.M.; E. Williams, D.G. S.W.; W. B. Allwright, D.G.J.W.; Francis J. Smith, D.G. Reg.; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Sec.; Keith Wilson, D.G. Asst. Sec.; C. P. Hulbert, D.G.J.D.; C. E. Briggs, D.G.D.C.; M. Sandstein, D.G.S.B.; W. H. Messenger, D.G. Org.; M. Lyttelton and R. Webster, D.G. Std. Brs.; W. S. Smith, D.G. Purst.; L. Haskins, R. Pitcaithley, and W. Kitchingham, D.G. Stwds.; C. A. C. Hardy, P.D.G.S.W.; R. Smith, P.D.G.S.D.; and R. Stevens, D.G. Tyler.

District G. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous communication having been read and confirmed, apologies from sundry brethren were read regretting

their inability to be present. The D.G. Treasurer's balance showed a total of over £506 to the credit of D.G. Lodge. Proceedings from the United Grand Lodge of England and sundry D.G. Lodges were laid on the table, as well as certain correspondence. The Standing Committee's Report was adopted. A motion for referring the question of extending the powers of the Board of Benevolence to a Committee, for them to report upon at the next quarterly communication, was agreed to, the Committee to consist of Bros. W. Deamer, D.D.G.M.; F. J. Smith, D.G. Reg.; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Sec.; C. P. Hulbert, D.G.J.D.; W. T. C. Mills, P.M. 1048; C. E. Briggs, D.G.D.C.; W. B. Allwright, D.G.J.W.; G. Gordon, P.M. 1737; and W. Cumming, W.M. 1925. A number of patents of office were directed by the D.G.M. to be cancelled, and the report of the D.G. Registrar, showing a diminution in the number of subscribing members for the year 1884, as compared with 1883, from 996 to 964, having been submitted, D.G. Lodge was closed according to ancient usage.

D.G. Lodge met again in quarterly communication on the 16th July, when R.W. Bro. H. Thompson, D.G.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. W. Deamer, D.D.G.M.; C. A. C. Hardy, P.D.G.S.W., as D.G.S.W.; W. B. Allwright, D.G.J.W.; Rev. H. E. East, D.G. Chap.; R. C. Bishop, D.G. Treas.; F. J. Smith, D.G. Reg.; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Sec.; C. P. Hulbert, D.G.S.D.; W. Sansom, D.G.J.D.; C. E. Briggs, D.G.D.C.; S. Derbridge, D.G.S.B.; W. H. Messenger, D.G. Org.; W. S. Smith, D.G. Purst.; E. L. Hasking, W. Kitchingham, and R. A. Green, D.G. Stwds.; George Tombs, P.D.G. S.W.; Jubal Fleming, P.D.G.J.W.; A. R. Kirk, P.D. G.J.W.; Richard Smith, P.D.G.S.D.; and R. Stevens, D.G. Tyler.

The business was of the ordinary character, the question of extending the powers of the Board of Benevolence being further discussed and again deferred, notice of motion by Bro. C. P. Hulbert that it be extended so as to allow of relief being afforded to the widows and children of deceased brethren being given, with the recommendation that it be submitted to the lodges for consideration in the interim, a second notice of motion being given for the organization of a general Board of Benevolence in which each lodge would have one or two representatives. D.G. Lodge was subsequently closed.

#### THE DORIC CLUB.

For some time past there have been rumours in the air to the effect that it was in contemplation to establish a Club at the West-end of London, to consist of members of the Masonic Fraternity, and these rumours have at length assumed form and shape. The project is now in course of realisation. A Company has been formed on the limited principle, and a Board of Directors and executive officers chosen. Articles of Association, which can be inspected at the Company's offices, 6, Lancaster-place, Strand, W.C., have been entered into, and prospectuses issued, inviting the Masonic public to support a scheme which, on the face of it, seems well calculated to prove a boon to the brethren—both Metropolitan and provincial. The preliminary steps having thus been taken, it now rests with the Craft to show whether or not they sufficiently appreciate what has been done to ensure the success of the proposed plan, and remove from themselves the stigma of being about the only important and influential Society which has no settled quarters where members can drop in when it suits them, and enjoy those comforts which only a well-ordered club will afford.

There is no gainsaying the fact that Masons are essentially a clubbable body of men. They delight in meeting for the purposes of social enjoyment; they would not be exemplary members of our community if they did not. Ergo, a Masonic Club is one of our chief necessities, and the wonder is that such an institution was not established long ago. No doubt several attempts have been made at different times to set one up, but they have not succeeded, nor would it subserve any good purpose to inquire into the causes of their failure. At all events, the promoters of this particular scheme appear to have benefited by the experiences of their predecessors in the task of club promotion. They have gone about their work in a business kind of way. They seem to have secured a very considerable amount of encouragement among Masons of rank and social position. They have chosen the most suitable—spot in London, the very heart of Clubland, for the locality of this Club. They have bestowed on it a capital Masonic name—the Doric; and, so far as their plans have been formulated, they strike us as being simple, reasonable, and likely to achieve the purpose in view. The terms of subscription are moderate, namely, five guineas per annum for London, and one guinea per annum for country members, and no entrance fee will be charged till 300 brethren have been accepted as members. The accommodation will be of the usual character and on an ample scale, and, in addition, provision will be made for holding lodges and chapters of instruction. In short, both what is usual in the case of all clubs, and what is specially desirable in the case of a Masonic Club, will be arranged for, and we sincerely hope the promoters will have their reward in the hearty and liberal support of the Craft as a body.

We have said the company has been started under most encouraging auspices, and this statement will be found worthy of general acceptance when we mention among the distinguished brethren who have accorded their patronage to the proposal such men as the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom, respectively Pro Grand and Deputy Grand Masters of England, and a large number of influential Masons. The names of these and the many other brethren of eminence who figure in the list of patrons fully justify the favourable hopes we have formed of the success of the scheme; and as there is a good working Board of Directors, with Bro. A. Daw-Kerrell, of 175, New Bond-street, as Managing Director, a promising Committee of Management, and an experienced Secretary, in the person of Bro. Joseph D. Langton, our hopes in this direction are further strengthened, and we shall look forward with interest to the inauguration of the Club, in the firm belief that, as supplying a long-felt want, it will have before it a long, useful, and honourable career.

We will add that fuller particulars may be obtained on application at the Company's offices, as afore described, namely, 6, Lancaster-place, W.C.



Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught landed at Dover on Tuesday afternoon, on their return from the Continent.

Bro. Akers-Douglas, M.P., Patronage Secretary to the Treasury, delivered an address to the electors at Herne, Kent, on Monday evening.

The last regular meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, for this season, will be held at Harrow, to-morrow (Saturday), when the W.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah, will perform the three ceremonies.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane gave a ball at Taymouth Castle on Thursday, the 17th inst., at which the Duke of Cambridge and the Princess Frederica of Hanover were present.

We hear with regret that the health of Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, who is staying at Folkestone, is in a very unsatisfactory condition. His lordship is well advanced in years, having been born in 1801.

"The Maiden's Bower," a serenade for four voices, the words by Bro. Emra Holmes, music by J. H. Lewis, has just been published by the London Music Publishing Company. The serenade was recently given at Tunbridge Wells, and was a great success.

Bros. Alderman Staples, Judd, and Malthouse took part in the discussion at the Court of Common Council on Thursday, the 17th inst., when the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the question of the government of London was brought up and agreed to amid loud cheers.

The distinguished brethren who form the committee of the "Levander Memorial" have decided to place over the remains of the late Bro. Henry Levander a Runic Cross in Sicilian marble, with a suitable inscription. The work is being executed by Messrs. Underwood, of Hampstead, from a design by Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z.

The Mark Master Masons of Northumberland and Durham will hold their annual Provincial Grand Lodge, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, P.G.M.M.M., at the Masonic Hall, Alnwick, on the 30th prox., and will celebrate their gathering by the accustomed banquet at the White Swan Hotel. It has been proposed by the members of the Hotspur Mark Lodge, No. 135, to drive to Hulme Park previous to the opening of the P.G. Lodge.

A petition for a warrant to open a new lodge in the suburb of Flemington, Melbourne, Victoria, has been forwarded to the M.W. Grand Master. The title chosen is the Gordon, in memory of the hero of Khartoum. The W.M. designate is Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M., and P.Z. 752, Melbourne, and P.M. 1002, Cockermouth. Strange to say, a petition for another lodge, also to be called the Gordon, was received a day after the foregoing, from Donald, in Victoria. The name of Wolseley has been suggested.

There is a movement on foot in Sydney, New South Wales, to secure Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., as chief of the English Freemasons, on his arrival in the colony as Governor. Bro. Williams, the R.W. District Grand Master of the English Constitution, is anxious to retire on the grounds of infirmity and age, and it is said that the appointment of Bro. Lord Carrington would pave the way for an amalgamation between the three British Constitutions and the irregular Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The Prince and Princess of Wales with their three daughters were present at the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new English church at Copenhagen. The function itself was most gracefully discharged by the Princess, to whom the architect presented a silver trowel for the purpose; after which addresses were delivered by Bro. the Hon. E. Monson, our Minister at the Danish Court, and the Prince of Wales, the latter of whom expressed his thanks to those who had contributed towards the fund for erecting the new church, and especially to the fellow-countrymen of the Princess, as well as to the Danish authorities, for the cordial assistance they had rendered.

The petition for granting the warrant to the Lodge of Prudence, to meet in Liverpool, has been forwarded to the Grand Lodge, and as a letter has been received from the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom, expressing his approval, and promising to recommend it, there is no doubt that the warrant will be granted at an early date. The lodge will be conducted upon temperance principles—that is to say, no intoxicating liquors will be allowed to be consumed at refreshment of the members, and a stringent clause will be inserted to that effect in the by-laws. It is not intended to confine the membership to total abstainers, but all members will be expected to adhere with fidelity to the by-laws. Bro. John Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D.C., Bro. Malcolm Guthrie, and other leading members of the Masonic body are taking an active interest in the formation of the Prudence.

It is greatly to be regretted that among the many valuable discoveries of the present day there has not, as yet, been found out one for the accurate presentation of people's names, so that what is in the first instance represented in the columns of the daily or weekly express as an interesting episode in the career of—let us say—Bro. Johns, may not subsequently turn out to have occurred in the case of Bro. Johnson. Thus, had a process for the prevention of errors of this kind been patented, we should not now have found ourselves under the necessity of pointing out that the newly installed W.M. of Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, Whitstable, is Bro. the Rev. "Arthur Conrad Graystone," not Bro. the Rev. Archer Conrad, as he was designated a few weeks since, when we had the satisfaction of announcing his election to the chair of W.M. of his lodge. We are deeply concerned to find, that, in the course of transmission to our offices, the name of "Arthur" should have been so unceremoniously transmogrified into "Archer," and that the "Graystone" should have been mislaid or lost—as the railway officials say, "in transitu."

The banquet to be given at the Mansion House by Bro. the Lord Mayor to Bro. General Sir Frederick S. Roberts, G.C.B., will take place on the 21st October prox.

We understand that Bro. W. David Young has been elected Worshipful Master of the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31. He will be installed on the first Thursday in October.

A large map of India, handsomely printed in colours, and showing the present position of Russia on the borders on Afghanistan, will be issued with Part I. of "Cassell's Illustrated History of India," to be published at the end of the present month.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will hold its annual meeting at Bishop Auckland on Tuesday, the 27th prox., when the recently installed P.G.M., R.W. Bro. Sir H. Williamson, Bart., will preside, and we doubt not there will be a strong muster of the brethren present to testify their respect to the new chief.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., opened the Queen's Park and West London Industrial and Fine Art Exhibition in the Queen's Park Hall, Harrow-road, on Saturday last. There was a fair, but by no means numerous attendance, and at the close of the proceedings a cordial vote of thanks was passed to his lordship for his presence on the occasion.

Bro. Dr. Whalley, on his return from a visit to Balmoral, had the honour of giving one of his Dramatic Drawing-Room Recitals, before a very large and influential audience, at Aberdeen, on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst. Many of the very distinguished members of the British Association were present. He also gave readings at Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Inverness, all of which passed off with great success.

Bro. General Sir Frederick and Lady Roberts on landing at Dover on Wednesday, the 16th inst., were loudly cheered, both from the shore and the troopship Assistance. On reaching Charing Cross, there were a number of personal friends and relatives on the platform to give the home-comers a hearty welcome, but there was no demonstration on the part of the public, as no one knew of their intended arrival.

The Lodge Star in the Far South was consecrated on the 26th June last, at a special communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Scottish Constitution, for the North Island of New Zealand. After the ceremony the following brethren were installed and invested as officers, namely: Bro. Frank Lawry, R.W.M.; James Slaton, D.M.; Dr. Walker, S.M.; James Walker, S.W.; James Atchison, J.W.; Rev. Gulliver, Chaplain; T. A. Usher, S.D.; D. Wilson, I.G.

The *Keystone* of Philadelphia records the funeral at Lancaster, Pa., on the 4th inst., of Bro. Charles E. Wentz, the Senior Past Master of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, who was initiated in it in 1846, and served as W.M. twice, namely, during the years 1848 and 1849. Nine P.M.s. and about 50 brethren attended on the mournful occasion, the church service being read by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Knight, and the Masonic portion of the ceremony by Bro. J. F. Lyte, W.M. No. 43.

The corner stone of the monument about to be erected to the memory of Commodore Perry, was laid with Masonic ceremonial, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Newport, Rhode Island, by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, assisted by his Grand Officers, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, among whom was the Governor of the State. The late Commodore, who was born at South Kingdon, R.I., in 1785, and died at Trinidad, W.I., in 1819, of yellow fever, greatly distinguished himself in the naval conflicts, on Lake Erie, during the war between the United States and this country in 1812 and following years, and on one occasion succeeded in defeating the British flotilla.

THE MEMORY OF SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE.—It will interest our Masonic readers to know that the eight lodges of Freemasons in Chili, S.A., have transmitted, through Bro. Caro (who has charge of Bro. Haldinstein's branch warehouses at Valparaiso), an earnest letter of condolence to Lodge Montefiore on the recent death of the great Hebrew philanthropist and centenarian, Sir Moses Montefiore. Freemasonry knows no distinction of creed or nation, and it is curious as well as pleasant to note the varied names attached to the above heartfelt address:—Bros. Carlos Inghirami, W.M. Lessing; G. Meldrum, W.M. Bethesda; A. Bertan, W.M. Avenir et Liberté; U. S. Shingley, P.M. Aconagua; C. Manhai, W.M. Etoile du Pacifique; George Jenkins, W.M. Lodge of Harmony; J. N. Demorest, W.M. Huelin. W.M. St. John could not sign owing to the distance of Coquimbo from Valparaiso.—*Norwich Argus*.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the "Devonport Private Dramatic Society" have generously offered to give an entertainment at the Devonport Public Hall, in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. The day selected is Wednesday, 28th October, the pieces to be played are "Blow for Blow," and "Withered Leaves," and the prices of admission 2s. 6d. (Reserved Stalls); 2s.; 1s. 6d.; and 1s. A dispensation will be granted for the brethren to appear in Craft clothing under the banner of the senior lodge in Devonport—Friendship, No. 202. Tickets are to be had of the W.M.s. or Secretaries of the several lodges, and when reserved tickets have been obtained, brethren can secure their places either at Mr. Holt's, Fore-street, Devonport, or Messrs. Sawday and Co., Plymouth. Further particulars may be had of Bro. John B. Gover, Secretary to the Committee of Management. As the Devonport Private Dramatic Society has achieved a high reputation, it is to be hoped the entertainment will turn out as profitable to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, as it is certain to be attractive from the proved ability of its members.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which beset mankind when dry, sultry weather suddenly gives place to chilly, drenching days. In fact, these Pills offer relief even if they fail of proving an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of digestion, circulation, and nervous tone which occasionally oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the genial, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by this excellent medicine the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation is rendered perfect. These Pills possess the highly estimable property of cleansing the entire mass of blood, which in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.—[Advvt.]

Bro. G. W. J. and Lady Jane Repton arrived from Switzerland at their seat, Odell Castle, near Bedford, on Saturday last.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., will address the electors of Chelsea on Tuesday, the 6th prox., and will make a second political speech on the Tuesday following.

R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressed a meeting of the electors at Cirencester on Thursday, the 17th inst., the chair being occupied by Bro. Earl Bathurst.

It has been arranged that the Inventions Exhibition, which was to have closed on the 31st October, shall remain open till the evening of the 9th November, the birthday of the president, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The consecration of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 2104, Stockton-on-Tees, by R.W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M. Durham, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Stockton, on Saturday next, the 3rd prox.

R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, Lady Brooke, and Miss Maynard were among the guests at the Nostell Priory, the seat of Lord St. Oswald, during last week, when the Doncaster race meeting was held.

Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, the Earl of Clonmell, and Viscount Cole, M.P., were among the guests of Bro. the Duke of Portland, at Welbeck Abbey, during the Doncaster Race Week.

The Prince of Wales has consented to present personally the testimonial proposed to be given to Mr. Edward Birkbeck, M.P., for his services in connection with our fisheries. The presentation is fixed for the 31st October, and will be followed by a banquet.

Bros. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., the Hon. H. S. Northcote, M.P., and the Rt. Hon. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., will be among the principal speakers at a great political gathering at Brighton on the 15th prox.

An excellent portrait model of the late Bro. Col. F. Burnaby, Royal Horse Guards, has just been added to the array of models of distinguished British Officers now on view at Madame Tussaud's Exhibition, Marylebone-road.

Bro. Edward St. John Fairman, M.R.A.S., &c., is now completing for publication a long poem, entitled, "The Housing of the Poor," wherein he pays a befitting tribute to the generosity of the late Prince Consort, as also the well-known benevolent qualities of the Queen and the Royal Family. The author has had the gratifying honour of having already received the thanks of the Queen.

The members of Union Lodge, No. 11, Orange, New Jersey, U.S.A., have resolved on building a new Masonic Hall on the site of their present home, at a cost of 30,000 dollars (£6000). The plans of the architect have already been submitted and approved, and the work of erection will be commenced as soon as possible.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon visited the Central Model Schools, Marlborough-street, Dublin, on Tuesday, and were very heartily received, the pupils at his Excellency's request being granted a holiday. On Wednesday Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., who is Chief Secretary for Ireland, left Dublin for England.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., our special Envoy to the Porte, will give a grand "fête champêtre" next week at Bejoss on the Bosphorus. A large number of invitations have been issued, the "fête" being held in Ibrahim Pasha's garden, which has been lent for the occasion to Sir Drummond.

The following are the officers of the newly-consecrated Franklin Lodge, of Auckland New Zealand, namely: Bros. F. M. Hewson, W.M.; H. Rees George, P.M.; W. Brown, S.W.; J. Mayo, J.W.; H. Knox, Treasurer; F. C. Thomas, Secretary; J. Gallagher, S.D.; W. L. Belse, I.G.; J. Moore, Tyler. The lodge was consecrated on the 26th June last by Bro. Lodder, D.D. G.M., assisted by Bros. Waddell, as S.W.; Cooper, J.W.; Wade, Sec.; and J. P. Clarke, D. of C.

Monday being St. Matthew's Day, Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., with other civic dignitaries went in State from the Mansion House to Christ Church, Newgate-street, where Divine service was celebrated, the boys of Christ's Hospital to the numbers of between 700 and 800 being present. Afterwards his lordship was conducted to the Court Room of Christ's Hospital, where he was presented with the lists of Governors of the Royal Hospitals, and these having been received and confirmed by him in accordance with ancient usage and the Act of Parliament, were handed to the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.

Messrs. Cassell and Company have arranged to publish immediately, under the title of "Cassell's National Library," a series of standard works in every branch of literature, including Travel, Biography, History, Religion, Art, Science, Adventure, Fiction, Drama, *Belles Lettres*, &c. The volumes will be printed from new type on paper specially manufactured. They will contain 192 pages, small 8vo., in coloured wrapper, and will be issued at *three-pence* each. The services of Prof. Henry Morley have been secured as editor of this library, which it is believed will be unique in the annals of English publishing, and will compare favourably for quality and price with any books hitherto published.

There was a famous gathering at the Masonic Hall, Princes-street, Auckland, N.Z., on the 29th June last, on the occasion of the installation banquet of the Ara Lodge, No. 348, Irish Constitution, which had been postponed till that day. The officers and members were in great force, and among the visitors were Bros. Rev. C. M. Nelson, D.G.S.W., E.C.; W. Tebbs, D.G.R., E.C.; M. Niccol, S.P.G.M., S.C.; A. Wright, P.M.; J. P. Clark, P.M.; W. R. Waddell, P.M.; W. L. Mitchell, P.M.; W. J. Suiter, P.M.; A. S. Russell, P.M.; W. McCullough, P.M.; Johnston, P.M.; S. Young, P.M.; W. J. Rees, P.M.; &c., and the W.M.s. of neighbouring lodges. At the brief lodge meeting, which preceded the banquet, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. H. Powley, I.P.M., in recognition of his services during the past year. The banquet was successful, and the after dinner proceedings were much enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. G. Smythe, F. J. Whitaker, Hescott, Logan, and Allen, Bro. A. Hanna rendering good service at the piano.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, October 3, 1885.

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

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tav., Greenwich.  
 ,, 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 ,, 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Godolphin-rd., W. Chap. 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.  
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 St. Marl's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Ho., Clapham-rd.-station, 7.30.  
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
 Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, W., at 8.  
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.  
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.  
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.  
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.  
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.  
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.  
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

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

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.  
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
 Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.  
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
 Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st., at 7.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 ,, 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.  
 ,, 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hot.  
 ,, 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 ,, 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.  
 ,, 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.

Lodge 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.  
 ,, 1351, St. Clement Danes, The Palsgrave, 225, Strand.  
 ,, 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 ,, 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd.  
 ,, 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H.  
 ,, 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl.  
 ,, 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank, S.W.  
 ,, 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.  
 Chap. 174, Sincerity, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 ,, 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.  
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.  
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.  
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.  
 Southern Star, The Phoenix, Stangate, S.W., at 8.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.  
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.  
 Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.  
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.  
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.  
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.  
 Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.  
 ,, 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 ,, 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond-rd.  
 ,, 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 1716, All Saints', Town Hall, Poplar.  
 ,, 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 Mark 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.  
 ,, 223, West Smithfield, 8a, Red Lion-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.  
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.  
 Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.  
 Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.  
 Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.  
 Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 1194, Villiers, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 ,, 1567, Elliot, Railway Hot., Feltham.  
 ,, 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 ,, 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 ,, 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.  
 Chap. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.  
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
 Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King-st. W., Hammersmith, at 7.30.

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## A WOMAN'S SUFFERINGS AND GRATITUDE.

## THE PEOPLE AMAZED.

## A VOICE FROM AUSTRIA.

Near the village of Zillingdorf, in Lower Austria, lives Maria Haas, an intelligent and industrious woman, whose story of physical suffering and final relief, as related by herself, is of interest to English women. "I was employed," she says, "in the work of a large farmhouse. Overwork brought on sick headache, followed by a deathly fainting and sickness of the stomach, until I was unable to retain either food or drink. I was compelled to take to my bed for several weeks. Getting a little better from rest and quiet, I sought to do some work, but was soon taken with a pain in my side, which in a little while seemed to spread over my whole body, and throbbled in my every limb. This was followed by a cough and shortness of breath, until finally I could not sew, and I took to my bed for the second, and, as I thought, for the last time. My friends told me that my time had nearly come, and that I could not live longer than when the trees put on their green once more. Then I happened to get one of the Seigel pamphlets. I read it, and my dear mother bought me a bottle of Seigel's Syrup, which I took exactly according to directions, and I had not taken the whole of it before I felt a great change for the better. My last illness began June 3rd, 1882, and continued to August 9th, when I began to take the Syrup. Very soon I could do a little light work. The cough left me, and I was no more troubled in breathing. Now I am perfectly cured. And oh, how happy I am! I cannot express gratitude enough for Seigel's Syrup. Now I must tell you that the doctors in our district distributed handbills cautioning people against the medicine, telling them it would do them no good, and many were thereby influenced to destroy the Seigel pamphlets; but now, wherever one is to be found, it is kept like a relic. The few preserved are borrowed to read, and I have lent mine for six miles around our district. People have come eighteen miles to get me to buy the medicine for them, knowing that it cured me, and to be sure to get the right kind. I know a woman who was looking like death, and who told me there was no help for her, that she had consulted several doctors, but none could help her. I told her of Seigel's Syrup, and wrote the name down for her that she might make no mistake. She took my advice and the Syrup, and now she is in perfect health, and the people around us are amazed. The medicine has made such progress in our neighbourhood that people say they don't want the doctor any more, but they take the Syrup. Sufferers from gout, who were confined to their bed and could hardly move a finger, have been cured by it. There is a girl in our district who caught a cold by going through some water, and was in bed five years with costiveness and rheumatic pains, and had to have an attendant to watch by her. There was not a doctor in the surrounding districts to whom her mother had not applied to relieve her child, but every one crossed themselves and said they could not help her. Whenever the little bell rang, which is rung in our place when somebody is dead, we thought surely it was for her, but Seigel's Syrup and Pills saved her life, and now she is as healthy as anybody, goes to church, and can work even in the fields. Everybody was astonished when they saw her out, knowing how many years she had been in bed. To-day she adds her gratitude to mine for God's mercies and Seigel's Syrup."

MARIA HAAS.

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